

COMMENT OF
THE DAY

A Sound Reply

THE one and only regrettable feature of President Eisenhower's rejection of Marshal Bulganin's offer of a treaty of friendship and co-operation is that the Russians gain a new opportunity for mischief-making. It is appropriate to stress this at the outset because the "personal letter" to the American President was not really intended to be any more personal than a Radio Moscow broadcast or a press statement at a conference. In fact, by making the letter so personal, the Russians succeeded in making the contents more intriguing.

There is no doubt that sooner or later the Russians will exploit the President's decision by reminding the gullible that "America does not want peace with the Russians." But the assertion will be permissible only if the qualification is added that America does not want peace on Moscow's airy and insubstantial terms. And in a masterly, lucid and extremely reasonable reply President Eisenhower sets out his reasons why the proposal is unacceptable and what America considers the best way of bringing about a more valid entente. The statement was frank and direct and probably the most unemotional that any American has made to the Russians since the beginning of the cold war.

BUT if rejection of the Bulganin peace pact was regrettable, it was only incidentally so, for rejection was also unavoidable. There should be no fears that the West is throwing away chances of settling differences with the Russians, though probably many will feel this as they did when the Russians threatened a rupture of contacts on the signing of the Paris treaties last year. To have entertained this proposal seriously would have been the sheerest of follies.

Quite apart from the fact that America never regarded it much more than a cute (or crude) diplomatic manoeuvre, the friendship pact would have had three disturbing effects: (1) It would tend to isolate America from its allies at a time when the need for harmonious co-operation between them has never been more important; (2) It might suggest United States recognition of the status quo in Europe and thus imply acceptance of the existing boundaries of the Iron Curtain, including the division of Germany; (3) It would encourage a false and complacent sense of security throughout Western Europe leading possibly to a relaxation of effort by NATO and therefore a weakening of Western defence in Europe.

THESE are three valid reasons why the President could not have consented to the idea and it is pleasing to see that the foreign Office has been so prompt in supporting his attitude. The plain utility of a series of treaties to guarantee friendship (which is guaranteed in the form of a declaration, anyway, as the President points out, in the United Nations Charter) without an accompanying "change of spirit" should be obvious enough.

But the more important point the President made was that there was yet no certainty that Russia could be trusted to honour its side of the bargain. And it is impossible to deny the stark truth of that statement. So he asks for assurances—deeds not words—and if Russia cares to pursue the idea, it might make out a more valid case for a treaty of this kind. But until East-West problems are overcome and a measure of mutual trust is restored it is quite pointless to dabble about with high-sounding, certainly misleading and probably hypocritical phrases proclaiming either implicitly or explicitly "peace in our time."

Panic Follows Fire At Church Supper

ELEVEN DEAD,
SCORES ARE
INJURED

Baltimore, Maryland, Jan. 29.
At least eleven persons were killed and scores injured tonight when fire and panic swept through a church oyster roast supper in suburban Brooklyn Park Hall.

The charred bodies of eleven adults were taken from the debris and sent to the Baltimore City Morgue. They were burned beyond recognition. One of the adults was reported to be a soldier.

Police and firemen still were searching the ankle-deep debris in the burned buildings late tonight for other possible victims. The wives of two Baltimore City policemen were missing, but it was believed they were safe in the crowd milling about the scene.

The fire was caused by an explosion of a stove at the supper, which was sponsored by an organization of the St. Rose of Lima Roman Catholic Church. In the ensuing panic, scores were trampled. Some 1,100 persons were attending the supper.

Ambulances and fire-fighting equipment were rushed to the scene from Baltimore City and from surrounding communities.

Thrown Out Of Windows

The fire broke out about 5 p.m. and it was almost three hours later before it could be brought under control. Brooklyn Park is a wooded suburban area just south of Baltimore. It has a population of about 5,600.

So wild was the panic during the height of the fire that people were "throwing each other out of windows", according to a cook who escaped.

South Baltimore General Hospital, which received the most casualties, in its first report said it had taken in 85 injured, ten of them critically, and one unidentified man who was dead on arrival.

University Hospital, Mercy Hospital and the Church Home and Hospital all reported taking in casualties. The Washington, D.C. Red Cross rushed 200 pints of blood and 100 units of serum albumin, a blood derivative used to combat shock, to the scene under police escort.—United Press.

New York Hotel Blaze

New York, Jan. 28.
A fire broke out in the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel for the second time in two months today. The City Fire Commissioner charged that hotel officials endangered the Waldorf's guests, some of them among the nation's most prominent citizens, by failing to report the blaze.

The Fire Commissioner, Edward Cavanagh, said a woman pedestrian reported the fire after she saw smoke billowing up from the roof. A man also sounded an alarm, he said.

Crazed Horse
Disrupts
Air Traffic

Sydney, Jan. 29.
A crazed horse ran wild at Mascot Airport here today, disrupting air traffic for five hours.

International and domestic airlines cleared the field, waiting for the runways to be cleared, while the horse dashed madly about the airfield.

Aircraft officials called out all available crash and fire trucks in an unsuccessful attempt to trap the crazed animal. The chase was abandoned at nightfall, but motorized crews patrolled runways to keep the horse away from landing planes.

Incoming pilots were offered alternate landing fields but all elected to take the chance of meeting the horse on the runways. The horse finally wandered away during the night.—United Press.

Officials Relieved
Of Their Posts

London, Jan. 29.
A Soviet broadcast tonight announced that six top Government officials of the Georgian Soviet Socialist Republic have been "released" from their posts.—United Press.

Ship Blacklisted

Damascus, Jan. 29.
The Swedish freighter Blue Ocean was blacklisted by the Government today. The vessel was accused of loading war materials for Israel ports.

Syria has now blacklisted a total of 125 ships including six Swedish vessels.—United Press.

Trawlers Rescue
Nine Seamen

Aberdeen, Jan. 29.
Two British trawlers rescued nine seamen from a German motor ship today as their crippled vessel sank in a pounding gale.

The British ships raced to the 404-ton freighter Gertrud prior to spotting her distress signals off the northeast coast of Scotland.

The German vessel, carrying coal from Scotland, to Norway, foundered in the heavy seas and the nine-man crew jumped into the icy waters shortly before the trawlers arrived on the scene.

The Gertrud went down shortly afterward.—United Press.

Minister Resigns

Rome, Jan. 29.
Signor Silvio Gava, Minister of the Treasury, was reported tonight to have submitted his resignation to the Government in protest against its rising expenditures.—Reuter.

EISENHOWER-EDEN TALKS

Wide Range Of Subjects To Be Opened Today

Mollet's
Fate To Be
Decided
Tomorrow

Paris, Jan. 29.
Premier-designate Guy Mollet announced tonight that he will present himself before the National Assembly for investiture at 2 p.m. GMT on Tuesday.

M. Mollet said he had completed the list of his ministers and secretaries of state, which will not be published before Tuesday.

He indicated that his government consists of 13 full Cabinet ministers, including himself, and 21 secretaries of state (junior ministers not in the Cabinet).

There will be two Secretaries of State for Foreign Affairs, one of whom will have charge of relations with Morocco and Tunisia, M. Mollet disclosed.

A Secretary of State at the Ministry of the Interior will be responsible for liaison with the Minister resident in Algeria, and one of three Secretaries of State for Defence will have charge of military questions relating to Algeria, he added.

Socialist Minister

Sources close to M. Mollet said the Secretary of State in charge of relations with Morocco and Tunisia would be M. Alan Savary, Socialist. The other Secretary of State at the Foreign Office would be M. Maurice Faure, a Radical known for his "European" views.

The Secretary of State for Defence specially concerned with Algeria should be the same, source will be M. Max Lejeune, Socialist.

The Minister of Finance and Economic Affairs will be "overlaid" over eight secretaries of the budget, public works, transport, agriculture, reconstruction, the post office and the merchant navy.

Will Shun Reds

M. Mollet, who seemed certain tonight to be voted into the premiership by the National Assembly, will lay great stress on the need for Franco remaining faithful in spirit and in letter to her obligations under the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation.

M. Mollet, who started drafting his investiture speech today, was determined, officials close to him said, not to make any concessions to the Communist viewpoint on the Atlantic Treaty.

"M. Mollet would much prefer not to be invested as Premier than to solicit the support of the Communist votes in the Assembly by making an ambiguous declaration about France's position in regard to NATO," one of his close advisers said tonight.—Reuter.

ROWDIES BREAK
UP MEETING

Valletta, Malta, Jan. 29.
Club-swinging police rushed to the defence of Nationalist Party speakers who were attacked today by supporters of the Labour Party.

The police beat back a jeering crowd that included two Labour Members of Parliament.

The speakers were pelted for two hours with bits of iron, stones, eggs and fruit. They were pelted upon by some members of the audience while leaving the speakers' platform, and took refuge in a nearby house.

The crowd smashed the windshields of their cars and the public address system, forcing them to cancel later meetings.—United Press.

NATIONALIST LEADER FLEES COUNTRY

Tripoli, Jan. 29.
Salah ben Younes, Nationalist leader, fled tonight to leave his troops to fight the battle of Libya against the forces of the Government. He was followed by a large number of his followers.—Reuter.

SEEK A JOINT
POLICY

Washington, Jan. 30.
President Eisenhower and Sir Anthony Eden will open at a luncheon meeting here today a three-day "summit" conference designed to formulate a joint policy on Middle East problems and co-ordinate United States and British measures to counter Communist thrusts in Europe, Asia and Africa.

Since this meeting was arranged in early December its urgency and importance have been substantially heightened by:

Deterioration in the Arab-Israeli situation, signs of an approaching crisis over the Chinese islands of Quemoy and Matsu, intensified Soviet efforts to stir up anti-Western feeling in South Asia, step up their penetration of the Middle East, isolate the United States from its allies—particularly Britain—and catch up, if not pass, the United States lead in the development of intercontinental bombers and guided missiles capable of delivering atomic and hydrogen bombs.

On the eve of the conference, officials of both the United States and Britain acknowledged that there were differences over methods though not over objectives in the Middle and Far Eastern policies of the two countries.

They were optimistic about the chances of the two leaders reaching an agreement on the Arab-Israeli question designed to prevent either side from playing off Britain and the United States against each other, to deter aggression in the Arab-Israeli area and to "put their hats on the three-power declaration of 1950."

This declaration provides for "immediate action" by the United States, Britain and France, either within or outside the United Nations, if a violation of the Arab-Israeli armistice is threatened.

President Eisenhower and Sir Anthony will consider ways and means to implement the declaration if there is a major aggression in the Arab-Israeli area.

FIRM LINE NEEDED

The view here is that if the great powers demonstrate their will to enforce the 1950 declaration, and take a firm united line, this, along with other measures to be considered at this conference, will give greater security to the area and create an atmosphere in which all parties concerned can work towards a final and peaceful settlement of a long standing Arab-Israeli dispute.

But the President and the Prime Minister are not expected to make public either the kind of peace settlement they would like to see, or the diplomatic procedures through which the two sides may be brought together.

In this highly sensitive field involving the honour of nations long bitterly opposed to each other, the United States and Britain are expected to pursue the kind of highly secret diplomatic procedures which led to the successful settlement of the long standing Italy-Yugoslav dispute over Trieste in 1954.

Officials were less optimistic about the chances of the United States and Britain aligning their views on the Saudi-Arabian problem.

This relates to the use by Saudi Arabia of vast oil revenues from United States oil companies to foment anti-Western agitation throughout the Middle East in opposition to the Baghdad treaty organization of Britain and the nations of the northern tier confronting the Soviet Union's southern borders.

A COMPLICATION

It is further complicated by a dispute between Britain and Saudi Arabia over the ownership of the Buraimi oasis, which Saudi Arabia is threatening to bring before the United Nations. It is the Eisenhower administration's policy not to pursue satisfactory proposals for its settlement.—Reuter.

BOMB EXPLODES

Nicols, Jan. 29.
A bomb exploded tonight near a British military patrol car in Lamasol, outside a cabinet. The bomb caused some damage but there were no casualties.—France Press.

In Tunisia police have arrested 50 followers of Salah ben Younes, Nationalist leader, who fled tonight to leave his troops to fight the battle of Libya against the forces of the Government.—Reuter.

Riff Rebels Routed

Rabat, Jan. 29.
More than 40 rebels were killed in a violent clash in the Riff area between a battalion of the French Foreign Legion and a band of some 300 rebels. It was announced here tonight.

The announcement said the Foreign Legion lost 18 men killed in the engagement, which took place near Talmest village yesterday.

Among the Legion losses were one officer killed, eight Legionnaires were wounded.

The rebels, who used automatic arms, also engaged in hand-to-hand fighting with the French troops. The battle, which was over extremely difficult ground some four miles northeast of Talmest, continued until nightfall when the rebels broke off the fighting, carrying away some of their dead and wounded.—France Press.

BERSERK MAN WIPES
OUT FAMILY

New York, Jan. 28.
A New York State road inspector went berserk in his home today and wiped out six members of his family, including his invalid mother, with a .12 gauge pump shotgun. Then he committed suicide.

The victims were William Bauer, 48, trustee of the First Methodist Church in Parsippany; his wife, Alice, 48; a daughter, Elizabeth, 5; a son, Peter, 18 months; his mother, Ann, 84; and his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Mr and Mrs Edward Neuber.

The police chief, Leo Doris, said Bauer went berserk "for no apparent reason." The house was strewn with empty shotgun cartridges, he said.

The body of Bauer's wife was found in a hallway between a bedroom and a bathroom. The bodies of the two children were sprawled in the dinette. Mr and Mrs Neuber were sitting in the living room, cuddled with shot.

Bauer's invalid mother, who was to have been taken to the nursing home here yesterday, was lying across her bed. She had been shot in the chest.

Bauer, an inspector of road materials and described as a stalwart member of the Methodist congregation, fired a shell into his own head. He was decapitated.—United Press.

MOB FIRED ON

Bombay, Jan. 29.
Police opened fire on a group of people who threw stones at them tonight in central Bombay, wounding two of them.

Fifteen people were taken into custody.

This is the first major incident here since last Monday when the city returned to normal after weeks of riots touched off by the Indian government's announcement that the city would be placed under central government administration.—Reuter.

CHINA AND UN

President Eisenhower will probably be reluctant even to discuss another question Sir Anthony may wish to bring up. This is the eventual admission of representatives of the Chinese Communist regime, recognized by Britain, but not by the United States as the government of China to the United Nations.

Even the suggestion that the Eisenhower administration was considering such a possibility could have the effect, in the highly explosive political atmosphere of this presidential election year, of splitting the President's Republican Party and immensely complicating his task either of winning the election or of choosing his own successor if he decided not to run again.—Reuter.

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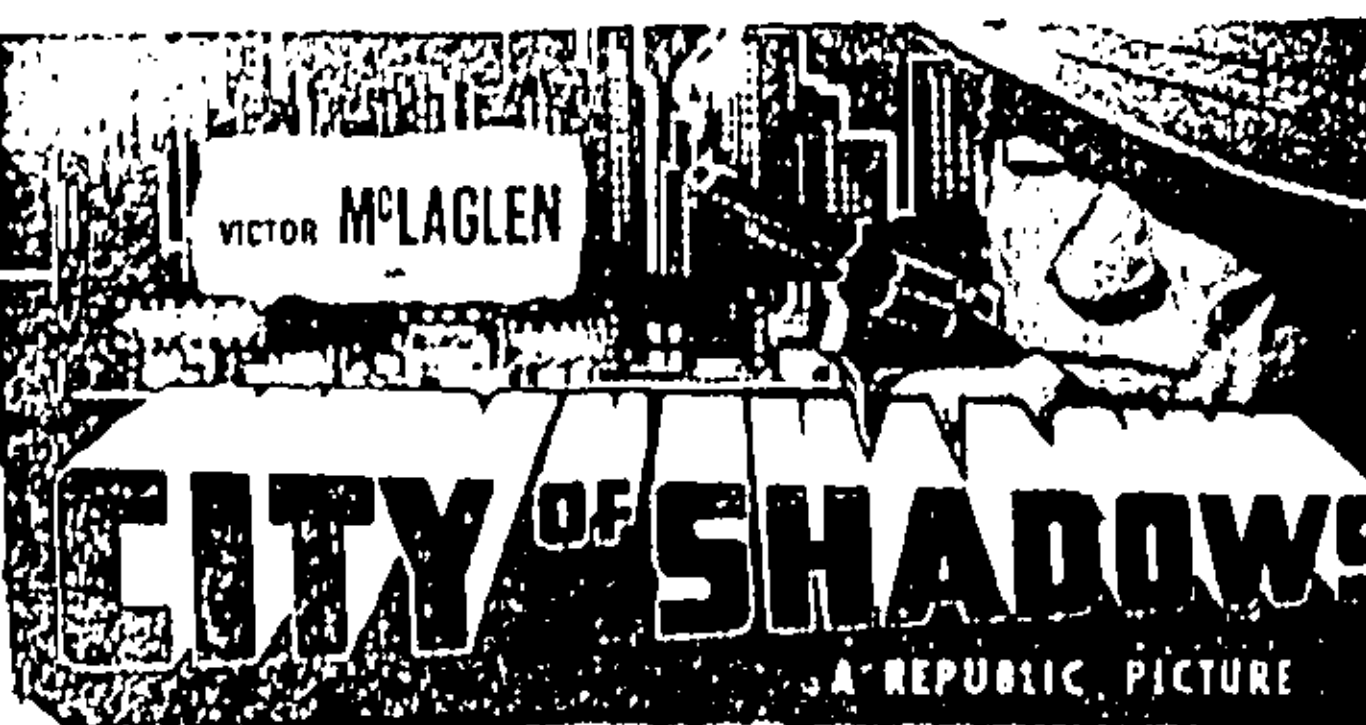
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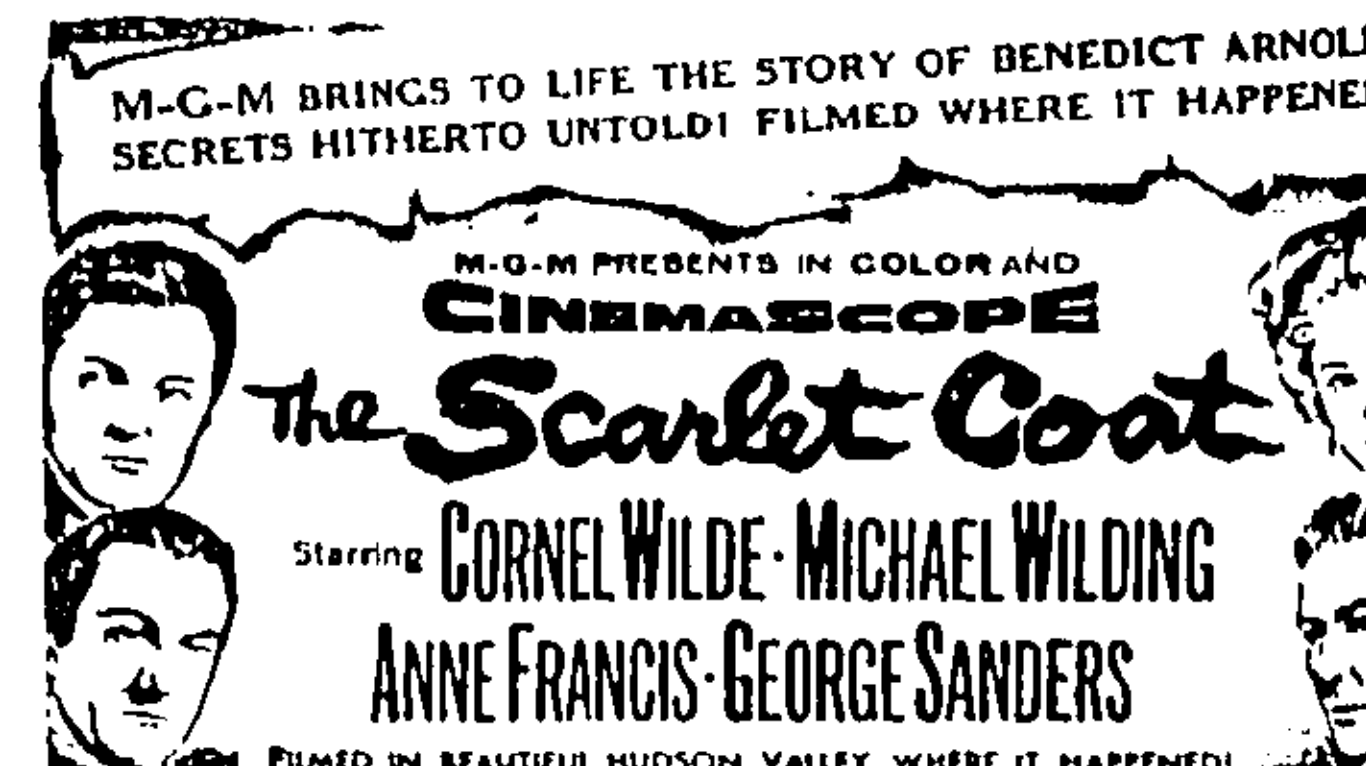
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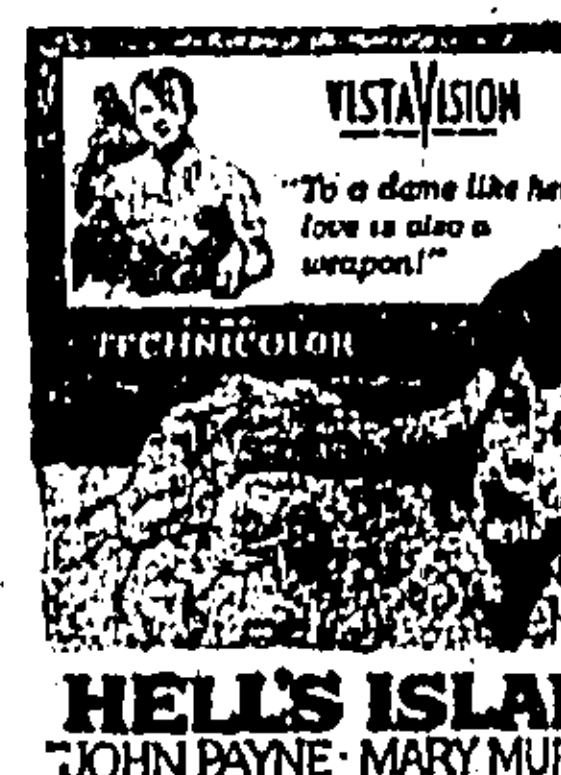
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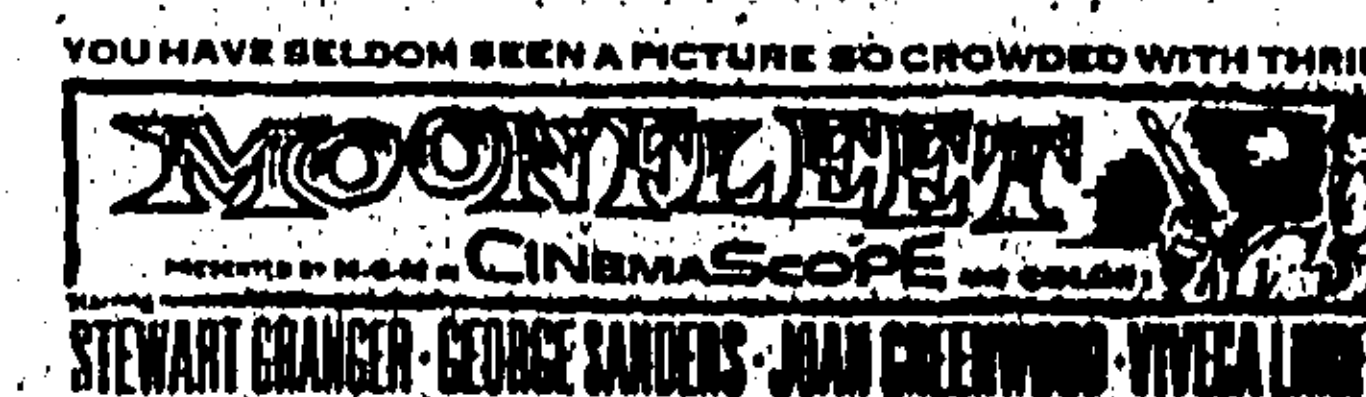
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WARSAW PACT DELEGATES SNEAK BACK HOME

Prague, Jan. 29.

Communist political and military leaders began dispersing unobtrusively today after the first publicly reported meeting here of the executive body of the eight-nation Warsaw Treaty.

Of the senior delegates Mr Molotov, Soviet Foreign Minister, was among the first to leave early today, with the Defence Minister, Marshal G. K. Zhukov.

The Polish and Rumanian delegations headed by their ministers also set off for home. Western observers here said the inconspicuousness of their departure, unannounced until long after they had left, contrasted markedly with the blaze of publicity which surrounded part of their deliberations during the two-day session of the Warsaw Pact Political Consultative Committee here. These observers said this highly organized publicity campaign seemed to make it clear that one aim of the meeting, coinciding with the Anglo-American talks in Washington, was to provide a platform for propaganda intended for foreign consumption.

Another Objective

It seemed a reasonable assumption, these observers said, that another objective was probably to give the military chiefs an opportunity to talk, both inside and outside the conference hall, about co-ordination in staff organisation and other measures in the various Eastern armies.

The main public business was the enlistment of the projected new East German army into a unified military command of forces of the Soviet Union, Albania, Bulgaria, Hungary, Poland, Rumania and Czechoslovakia.

The immediate value of this move, aimed at countering the formation of West Germany's NATO army, was more of a propaganda than of a military nature, in the opinion of these observers.

They said it sharpened the division of Germany and emphasized the Soviet point of view, reiterated in Mr Molotov's speech, that unification could come only through agreement between both East and West Germany.

Repetitions

The committee also used the occasion to make a new move on atomic weapons, proposing that neither the East nor West German armies should be equipped with these.

The meeting also brought repetitions of Soviet proposals including that for a European collective security system.

Mr Molotov also called for "extensive co-ordination of efforts to increase the defence capability of the Warsaw Treaty states." But little light was thrown on this or other military aspects of the conference.

They revealed only the projected formation in Moscow of a permanent commission to make recommendations on foreign policy questions and a joint secretariat of all member states.

Solved Questions

Both Marshal A. I. Konev, Soviet Commander-in-Chief of the joint command, and another Soviet officer General A. S. Antonov, Secretary-General of the Consultative Committee, addressed the meeting but no details of their speeches were released.

The communique merely said: "The committee solved organisational questions concerned with the armed forces."

Mr Molotov had some hard words to say about "hazardous efforts of imperialist aggressive

circles" and the Communist Chinese observer, Marshal Nieh Jung-chen, sharply accused the US of indulging in "threats of war," blackmail and lies. Both scored propaganda points over the "brink of war" foreign policy attributed to Mr John Foster Dulles, US Secretary of State in a recent American magazine article.

Chief Aim

But observers said that nothing emerging from the meeting indicated any major hardening of Soviet policy towards the West. In fact the theme of "peaceful co-existence" was cited by Mr Molotov as the chief aim.

The meeting rather indicated that the Communists wanted to show the world that they intended to meet strength with strength, but at the same time ways of easing the international situation, these observers said.—Reuter.

Label Offended Americans

Trier, Jan. 29. The United States Government has informed the exporter of a famous Moselle wine that he need no longer put trousers on the boys on his labels.

The wine — Kroeber Narklarisch — ran into trouble last year when American customs authorities insisted that the label was not quite nice and barred the wine from import.

So a girl apprentice was put to work making trousers on the three naked boys shown frolicking in a wine cellar on bottles destined for the United States. Now she can give up the task. — China Mail Special.

Boy Crosses River On High Wire

Vienne, Jan. 29. Watched by an enormous crowd but hardly bating an eyelid, a 13-year-old high wire walker today crossed over the River Rhone—200 metres—on a suspended cable from Vienne to Salnte Colombe, and then crossed back over again.

The young boy, Armand Eliezo, is the sole supporter of his family since his father—a professional high wire walker—suffered a fall preventing him from ever performing his balancing feats again.—France-Press.

PIGLETS EAT 131 FOWLS

Ermelo, Transvaal, Jan. 29. Nineteen six-month-old piglets on the farm of Mr N. J. Breytenbach, near Ermelo, escaped from their enclosure into a chicken run and ate 131 fowls.

When discovered next morning covered with blood and feathers, they had eaten so much they could hardly walk.—China Mail.



The Sudan's application for Arab League membership was unanimously accepted by the League Council, at a meeting held recently under the Yemenite Charge d'Affaires. For the first time since the founding of the League 10 years ago, the meeting was held in public. Picture shows Mubarak Zarouk, Sudanese Minister of Foreign Affairs, giving a speech of thanks on behalf of the Sudan to other League members, in Cairo.—Express Photo.

US CONTRADICTORY POLICIES

Senator Wants An Investigation

Washington, Jan. 29.

Senator George Smathers called today for a Senate investigation of what he termed the "contradictory policies" of President Eisenhower's State and Defence Departments.

He said that while the Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles, "charged thrice bravely to the brink of war," the Defence Secretary, Mr Charles Wilson, was "lopping billions off the national defence programme."

Senator Smathers added his protest to growing Democratic criticism of the administration's defence policies in a weekly newsletter to his constituents.

Investigation

Senators Stuart Symington and Henry Jackson have led the attacks, charging that military expenditures are being reduced in an effort to balance the budget.

Senator Smathers said: "In my judgment, the contradictory policies of the two departments warrant investigation by a Senate Committee."

Meanwhile, Representative James van Zandt said Russia may beat the United States in the vital race to perfect an intercontinental ballistic missile—sometimes called the "ultimate weapon."

"We're not too sure what Russia has and what she does not have," he said in a television interview with Representatives F. Edward Hebert and Hale Boggs. "But we're taking no chances and we're going to put forth every possible effort to build that missile at the earliest possible date."

Give Credit

Mr van Zandt, a member of the Joint Congressional Atomic Energy Committee, said the only way to win the missile race was to "double our efforts by making more money available" for research and development.

He said one missile, armed with an atomic or hydrogen

warhead, could cover 5,000 miles in a matter of minutes and completely destroy a city the size of New York or New Orleans without warning. Mr van Zandt said: "We're giving Russia credit for having this type of missile and it's possible that she may fire it first."—United Press.

Mao Calls On Party To Advance Knowledge

Paris, Jan. 29.

Mr Mao Tse-tung, Chairman of the People's Republic of China, today called on all members of the Chinese Communist Party to learn scientific knowledge diligently and to unite with intellectuals outside of the party so as to strive to catch up quickly with the advanced level of the world's sciences, the China news agency reported.

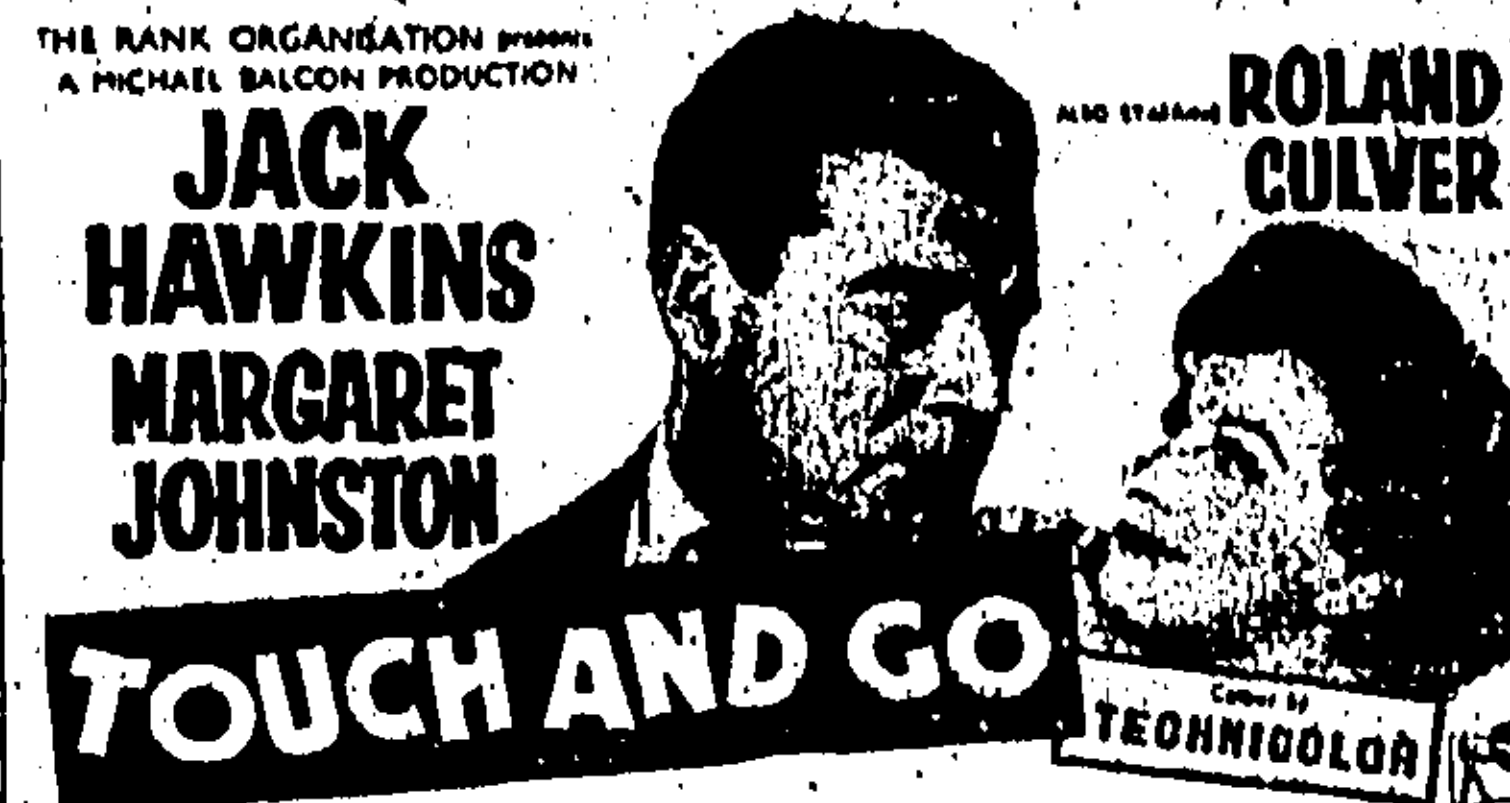
Mr Mao made his statement on the last day of a conference convened by the Central Committee of the Communist Party, at which Mr Chou En-lai, Chinese Foreign Minister and Secretary-General of the Committee, made a report on the question of intellectuals.

Speakers considered hereafter the party must strengthen its leadership over the intellectuals, fully mobilise them and bring into play their present capabilities, help them further to mould themselves and rapidly to expand their ranks and raise their professional skill, the agency added.—France-Press.

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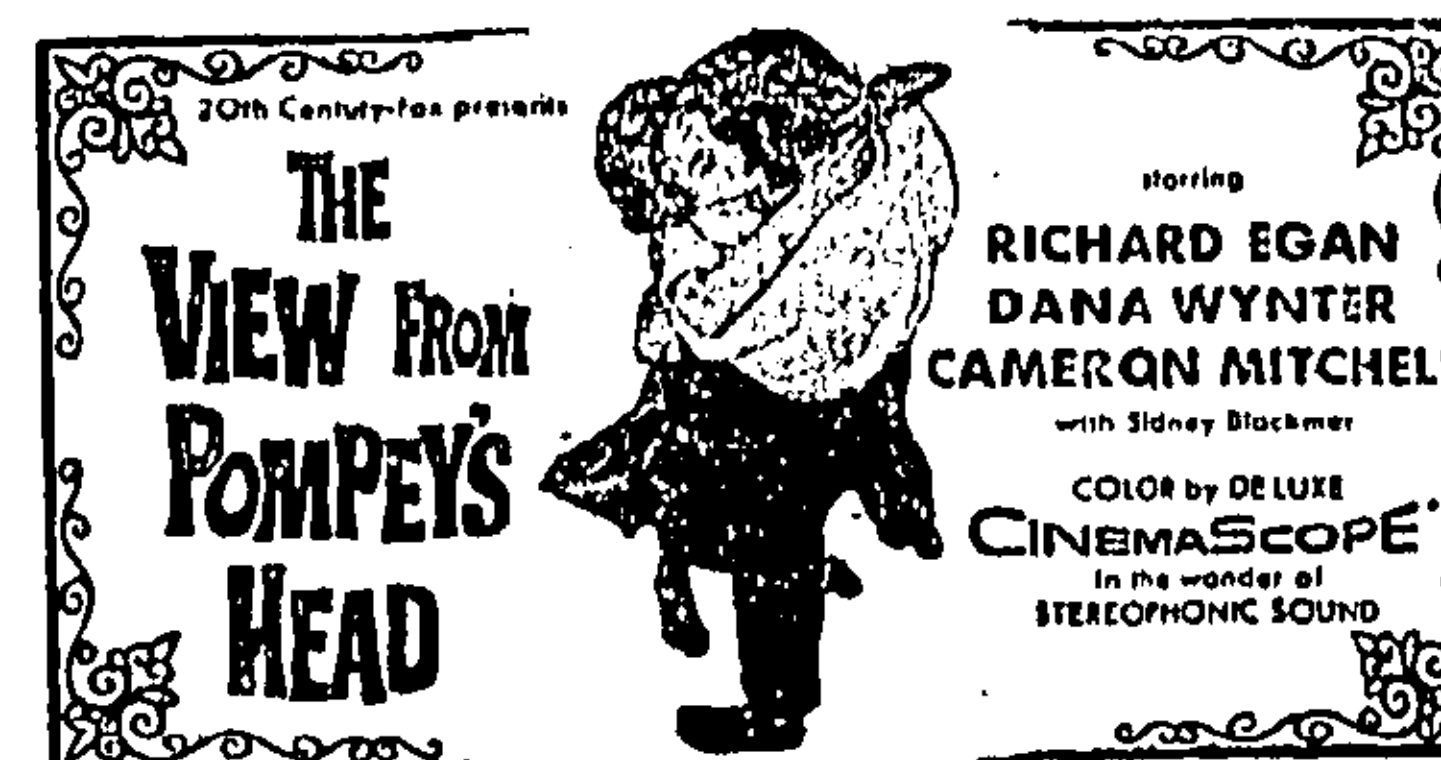
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US Will Continue With Diplomacy In Middle East

BAO DAI SUED BY PILOTS

Cannes, Jan. 29. EX-VIETNAM Emperor Bao Dai lost an airline along with his kingdom but its employees are still suing him for back pay.

Thirty ex-employees of his personal airline claim D-1 owes them \$170,000 (60,000,000 francs) in back wages. Bao Dai says the present Vietnam Government should pay.

The case, which is being unfolded before a Cannes court, is complicated by the fact that last summer two disgruntled pilots took matters into their own hands and walked off with 22,000,000 francs (\$2,500,000) intended for the company payroll.

Five Planes

The disputed airline, which consisted of five planes, was called "The Imperial Aerial Transport Service" and was under Bao Dai's control until May when Vietnamese Premier Ngo Dinh Diem took over its direction.

When Diem nationalised the line, he sent 15 of its employees to France on one-third of their original salary, with the promise that the rest would be sent to them monthly.

The other 15 remained in Vietnam and were kept in the dark on their status.

Last June two of the airline's pilots arrived at the Vietnam port and announced that they had come on Bao Dai's orders. Using his name, they withdrew the company's funds—22,000,000 francs.

Disappeared

They said they were taking a 20-minute flight to a nearby lake where they said they were to meet another representative of Bao Dai.

Instead of a 20-minute flight, they headed for Hong Kong where they disappeared.

The Cannes court has issued warrants for their arrest.—United Press.

The Hongkong Police this morning denied all knowledge of the two men.

NO INTENTION OF JOINING ANY ARMS RACE

Washington, Jan. 29.

The United States will continue for the time being to stress diplomacy in the Middle East rather than join in any arms race, administration officials said today.

These officials declined to comment directly on a joint plea by former President Harry Truman and Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt that America "should now provide" Israel with defensive arms.

Outer Mongolia Applies To ECAFE

Bangalore, Jan. 29.

Outer Mongolia has applied for membership of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East (ECAFE). It was learned here today. Its application is likely to come up before ECAFE's 12th session beginning here on February 2.

The areas covered by ECAFE's activities now extend to Japan, Afghanistan, Brunei, Burma, Cambodia, Ceylon, China, Malaya, Hongkong, India, Indonesia, Korea, Laos, Nepal, North Borneo, Pakistan, Philippines, Sarawak, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.

Could Be Amended

The terms of reference regarding the geographical scope, however, can be amended by the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations as was done two years ago to include Afghanistan, these circles added.

ECAFE now has 22 members including Australia, France, the Netherlands, New Zealand, the Soviet Union, the United Kingdom and the United States. It also has on its rolls two associated members.—Reuter.

But they said the United States will seek in the next few months some way to settle the explosive Israeli-Arab dispute. The search for new peace moves will be an important part of the meeting beginning tomorrow at the White House between President Eisenhower and British Prime Minister Sir Anthony Eden.

Mrs. Roosevelt, widow of the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt, issued a statement in New York yesterday urging that Israel be provided with US arms to balance those that Egypt is getting from the Soviet bloc.

Guarantee

Mr. Truman also signed the statement and Mrs. Roosevelt said that Walter P. Reuther, AFL-CIO vice-president, concurred in the plea.

It suggested that the United States offer both Israel and the Arab states a treaty guaranteeing their borders against aggression.

Israel has asked the United States for \$50,000,000 worth of defensive arms. At the time the request was submitted, the administration promised it would receive "sympathetic consideration."

But the Israeli arms bid was shelved when Israel attacked a Syrian outpost on December 11—an action that drew an unanimous UN Security Council condemnation.

Diplomats believe that the time may be ripe for a new peace effort during the next few months. They say both sides have much to gain by settling the dispute before the already great danger of war is further increased by an arms race.

Chances Good

There is considerable optimism in administration quarters that Egypt is anxious for a settlement.

World Bank president Eugene Black is in Cairo to talk over a World Bank loan to Egypt to build the Aswan Dam.

Some officials believe chances are very good that Egypt and the bank will agree to loan terms very soon.

Secretary of State John Foster Dulles has believed on three occasions that the Arabs were ready to negotiate a settlement. Each time he expressed his opinions in letters to Israeli authorities.

Informants said the letters were followed by the Israeli reply at Kibya, Gaza, and against Syria last December.

Moscow Backing

Besides the political implications, the Eisenhower administration is put on the spot by the Israeli arms request for other reasons.

For one thing, Moscow is backing the Arabs with Communist arms. If the United States gives Israel any arms, officials believe this might only serve to further alienate the Arabs from the Western world.—United Press.

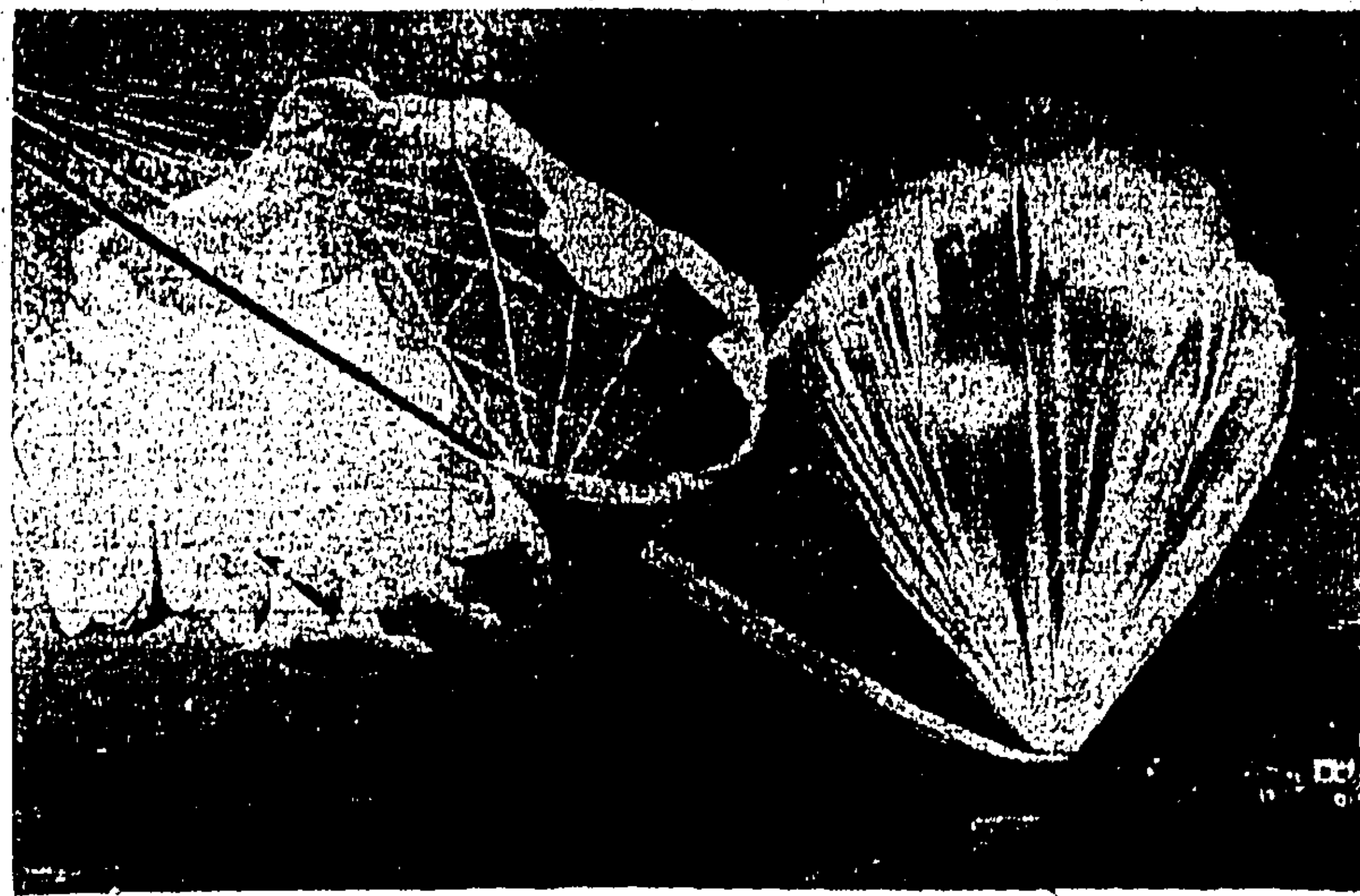
DIPLOMAT'S PACKAGES IMPOUNDED

Bagdad, Jan. 29.

The Iraqi customs authorities today impounded a number of packages among the luggage carried by the returning Egyptian Charge d'Affaires in Bagdad, Ibrahim Hilmi.

The diplomat arrived here aboard a passenger flight. As he collected his diplomatic bag from the plane's captain, he also asked for a number of packages which he said contained copies of Egyptian constitution and other documents.

Iraqi customs officials panned one sealed diplomatic folder and an envelope and suggested that Hilmi submit the other packages for inspection. He refused and they were impounded.—Reuter.



The Czechoslovakian Government has issued a protest against the flying of US scientific balloons over certain areas in Europe, claiming they have had to cancel a number of air flights because of the danger created by the balloons. Pictured are several of the balloons being raised at a German airstrip. They are launched by special units of the US Army in Europe taking part in research experiments donated to the Geo-Physical year 1957-8. The balloons, 75 ft in diameter, float up to an altitude of 25 miles. They carry meteorological instruments which supply information regarding conditions in stratosphere-heights.—Express Photo.

Yugoslav-Soviet Party Relations

Belgrade, Jan. 29.

YUGOSLAVIA may receive an invitation to send a delegation to the forthcoming congress of the Soviet Communist Party and thus re-establish a party contact severed with Yugoslavia's expulsion from the Cominform in 1948, diplomatic sources said here today.

This subject was believed to have been already discussed in top level Yugoslav-Soviet contacts in the last few days.

On Tuesday, Mr. Nikolai Fyryubina, Soviet Ambassador, was, at his own request, received by President Tito immediately on his return from Moscow while on Friday, Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev received the Yugoslav Ambassador in Moscow Mr. Dobrovoje Vidic.

Party Secretary

It was noted that Mr. Khrushchev was described in Yugoslav press reports of the latter meeting as First Secretary of the Soviet Communist Party.

Since the Cominform quarrel was held Soviet policy has called for a restoration of party-to-party ties in addition to normal governmental co-operation. But so far the Yugoslav Communist Party or League of Communists is not officially credited, has refused to re-establish contact.

Mr. Khrushchev on his arrival here with Marshal Nikoai Bulginin last May appealed for party-to-party relations only to be rebuffed by President Tito.

The Yugoslav line in the past few years has been for the Communist Party not to have foreign relations. Instead the government's mass organisation, the Socialist Alliance, maintains ties with left wing parties in Western Europe and Asia.

Compromise

A Soviet invitation would it was felt be considered with great care by Yugoslav leaders who would weigh to what extent acceptance would be interpreted with mistrust in the West.

If they wished to accept, one possible compromise in line with Yugoslav policy hitherto would be to send a delegation in the name of the Socialist Alliance.

Senator George Warns On Foreign Aid

Washington, Jan. 29.

Senator Walter George, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said today he had advised administration leaders to test the temper of the House before bringing their proposed long range foreign aid programme before the Senate.

Senator George (Democrat, Georgia) has announced his opposition to any long term overall commitments for future foreign economic spending.

With Senator William Knowland (Republican, California) taking the same attitude there were indications the administration would "try its luck" in the House first, observers said.

Secret Testimony

Senator Knowland has come out against economic aid for "neutral countries and the Senate Foreign Relations Committee will take a look at that aspect on Tuesday.

The group has called Mr. John Sherman Cooper, Ambassador to India, before it for secret testimony. Mr. Cooper is understood to be supporting an increase in aid to India, which Senator Knowland has singled out for criticism in the past.

The committee also plans to look further into proposals for American participation in financing the proposed Aswan Dam in Egypt.

Raised Questions

The Under-Secretary of State, Mr. Herbert Hoover, is reported to have told the Senate Appropriations Committee last week that a proposed initial \$5 million dollar US contribution may be taken from area development funds already appropriated for the International Co-operation Administration (ICA).

This has raised questions in some Senators' minds whether the ICA is going ahead with commitments which would involve other American expenditures over the 10-year period expected to be required for construction of the dam.—Reuter.

Fortune If Niece Moves To America

Doylstown, Pa., Jan. 29.

H. Russell Pickering retired oil company executive, who willed most of his wealth to his Irish niece provided she moves permanently to this country, left an estate totalling \$8,304,893, record showed on Saturday.

The estate, largest ever filed in Bucks County, included \$442,390 in a bank account, \$3,016,903 in Standard Oil of New Jersey stock, and \$1,440,619 in Standard Oil of California stock.

Pickering stipulated in his will that his niece, Anna Winifred Beatrix Lockhart, a housewife in Gwynedd, County Wicklo, Ireland, could claim the estate if she agreed to live permanently in his home in Doylstown, Pa., and spend \$200,000 a year on her and her family. His niece said she would come here to help administer the estate and then decide whether to remain here.

WORLD WAR II BATTLE HONOURS

London, Jan. 29.

FAMOUS regiments which won fame at Waterloo, the Crimea and the Somme may soon be able to add the names of Second World War engagements to their battle honours.

The War Office has announced that nearly 1,000 battle honours charting the deeds and victories of British and Commonwealth troops in the last war had been officially created by a committee of 40 British and Commonwealth generals, brigadiers and colonels.

The list will be available to regiments which can present their claims for battle honours to the War Office. If granted the honours can be emblazoned on their banners.

Active Part

"There will be no question of an honour being awarded merely because a unit was present at a battle. It must have taken an active and creditable part in it."

The defence of Tobruk, the retreat to Dunkirk, the battle of El Alamein and the Allied landing on the Normandy beaches were among the engagements listed by the Committee, which has been tabulating them since May 1946.

Operations in Norway and Abyssinia in 1940-41, Syria, Iraq, Italy, Sicily, Malaya and Burma also appear in the list.

But it is not yet complete. The Committee is still at work officially naming battles in the Pacific campaigns that primarily affect New Zealand and the Australian regiments.

When they are finished about 1,100 battle honours will have been created.

The War Office said the list covered all the operations of all armies of the Commonwealth and that about one-third did not involve any British troops.—China Mail Special.

Plan To Rally Nazis And Fascists To Poujade's Banner

Rome, Jan. 29.

A former Italian-Fascist leader today announced plans for an international meeting in Paris that would rally former Nazis and Fascists to the banner of Pierre Poujade, French anti-tax campaigner.

Vittorio Ambrosini, president of the newly-created Italian Poujadist section, said he and his two chief lieutenants hoped to see the German ex-Nazi and "Black Front" leader, Otto Strasser, at the Paris strategy sessions. Other Poujade sympathisers from Germany and Switzerland would also attend.

Signor Ambrosini, personal friend of the Nazi propaganda chief, Josef Goebbels, said he would leave for Paris "in about a week." He said he would not give specific details about the talks.

Disappointed

The Poujadist section was established only a few weeks ago. Unlike the movement headed by the Milan fish salesman, Raffaele Garbin, it is openly Poujadist.

Political observers reported that many neo-Fascists, disappointed at the lack of response among the people, are carefully watching M. Poujade, who has proven his vote-getting ability. The neo-Fascist newspaper, Il Secolo d'Italia, has warmly praised M. Poujade.

Signor Ambrosini, who wears a flowing black fur-trimmed coat and a grey-green military shirt as his "uniform," said he hoped to revive Mussolini's social ideas even though he himself was gaoled five years by the Duce.

"I was one of Mussolini's first followers," said the 63-year-old, silver-haired lawyer. "But I quit him when Fascism degenerated into dictatorship."

Keep Peace

Luigi Palmieri, vice-president of the Italian Poujadists, said the group favoured making Europe and the Middle East a "third force" between capitalism and communism.

"The middle class states should unite," he said. "This third force would help keep peace in the world."

Signor Ambrosini said his movement was aimed at securing peace between the social classes. But he was not certain how this could be accomplished.

Signor Palmieri said representations of labour and management might sit in Parliament, as they did under Mussolini.

Signor Ambrosini, one of the founders of the neo-Fascist Italian Social Movement (MSI), said he filed charges of murder in 1946 against the man who killed Mussolini. The charges were dismissed.

Too Young

Signor Palmieri, now 41, told United Press he was "too young" to be involved in politics under Mussolini, but after the war he joined the MSI and

FAME FOR UGLIEST DOG IN ROME

Rome, Jan. 29.

For one glorious afternoon, Tombolino, a mongrel of very mixed breed, was patted and cuddled by perfumed and elegant ladies. It was fame at last for Tombolino, chosen as "The Ugliest Dog in Rome."

The judges had not been quite fair. There were more eligible candidates for the title in the Ugly Dog Show, but nobody protested.

Tombolino's owner is an 83-year-old woman who shuffles about Rome begging for scraps for her dog and six cats and a loaf or two for herself.

And the 50,000 lire (\$20) which went with the title would feed and warm Tombolino, the beggar and the six cats for many a long winter day.—China Mail Special.

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DIPLOMATS SAID SLIGHTED

Lahore, Jan. 29.

The West Pakistan newspaper Pakistan Times today urged the government of Pakistan to demand an "unconditional apology" from the Salisbury City Council for alleged "segregation" of Pakistani and Indian diplomats at a civic ceremony.

The Pakistan Times was referring to reports in the local press to the effect that the two diplomats had been given seats in a secluded corner of a gallery and not on the main floor where other foreign diplomats were seated.

Several empty seats separated the two Asians from the European guests in the gallery, the reports said.

The press said the incident occurred last Wednesday at a civic ceremony held at Salisbury—Capital of the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland—France-Press.

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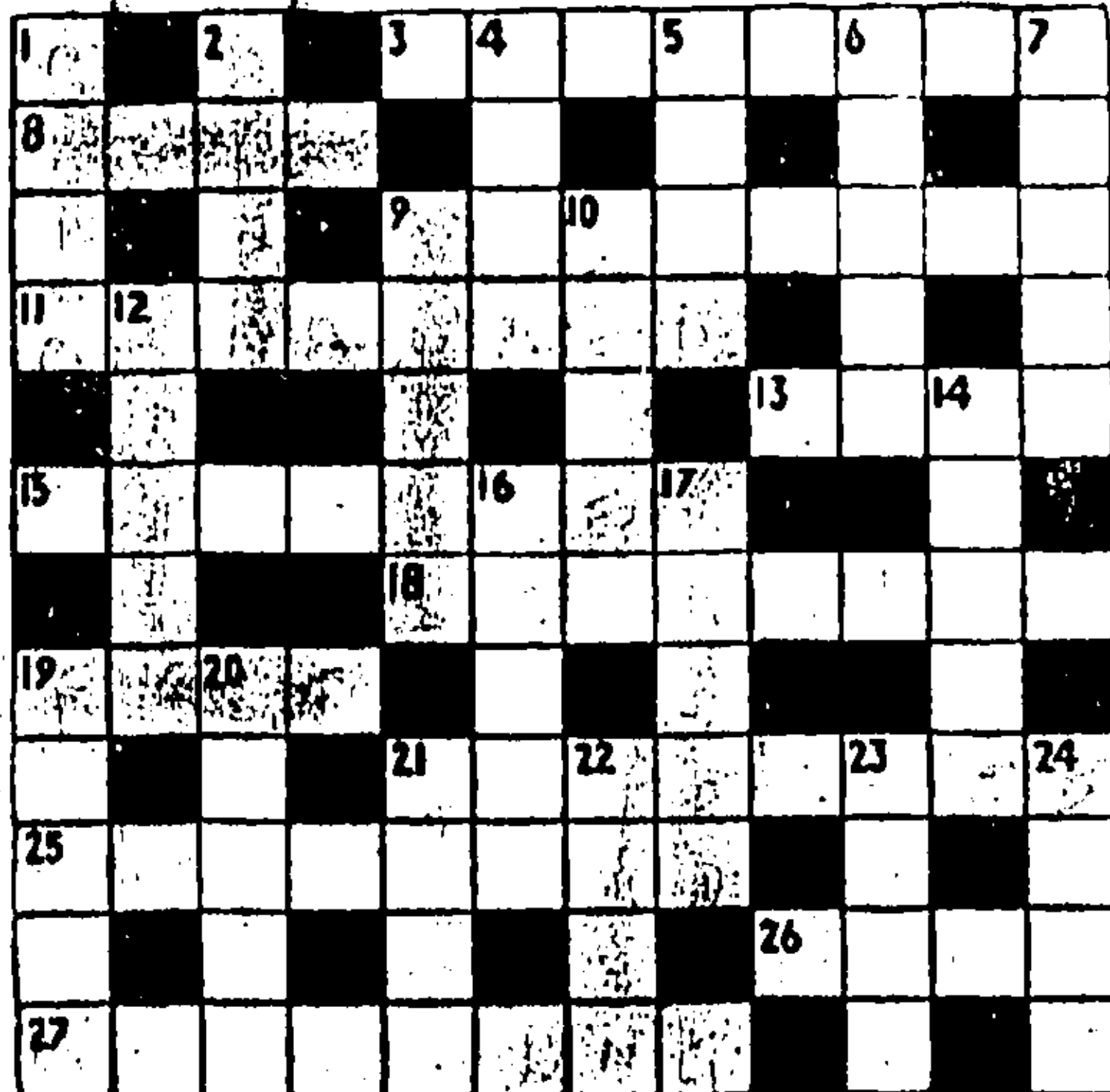
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3 Sunshade (8).
8 Arrest (4).
9 "Cheer the end" (8).
11 Ate (8).
13 Nuisance (4).
15 Got the better of (8).
16 Kind of furniture (8).
18 Sensed (4).
21 Went aboard (8).
25 Buried (8).
26 Drudge (4).
27 Negotiating (8).

DOWN
1 Smart (4).
2 Scheme (4).
4 Wild plant (4).
5 Greedy (4).
6 Egg shaped (6).
7 Asoma (8).
9 Reigns (8).
10 Confused fight (5).
12 Sprink (5).
14 Push (5).
15 Four-sided figure (5).
17 Fear (5).
18 Swift (5).
20 Lament (5).
21 Radicle (4).
22 Vegetable (4).
23 Eager (4).
24 Dextrous (4).

SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across: 1. Staffs, 4. Sacks, 7. Aperture, 8. Eaten, 9. Permit, 11. Intrude, 15. Nettle, 18. Fruit, 19. Episodes, 20. Dares, 21. Gentle, 26. Down: 1. Sharp, 2. Fault, 3. Stranded, 4. Shrove, 5. Contract, 6. Blinded, 10. Retains, 12. Mending, 13. Liked, 14. Utters, 16. Speed, 17. Awaits.

Revealing The Secret Of Room 875

By LEONARD MOSLEY

THEY should nail a golden, heart-shaped plaque to the door of Room 875 of the Carlton Hotel in Cannes and write on it:—

"This is where it started."

It was in that room, one morning in April of the last year, that I first saw the look in the eyes of Grace Kelly and Prince Rainier of Monaco.

It was a private room and I hidsten to say that Grace and the prince were only visitors. I and 11 other members of the Film Festival Jury were hosts, and they had come to take a glass of champagne with us, with Olivia de Havilland and Jean-Pierre Aumont and Anatole Litvak and Isa Miranda as well.

Well Bred

GRACE came into the room last week. We were jaded, we had been arguing films for hours.

"May I introduce Miss Grace Kelly?" asked Aumont, and took her around.

We had all thought until that moment that it was Aumont's heart's warning to her. There was no doubt, from the look in his eyes, that way he felt about her.

And then I saw Rainier by the window, quietly watching with the schoolboy look on his face of a man who has had some kind of emotional clip over the ear, but is too well bred to betray it.

He was watching Grace as she took a glass of champagne. She looked as cool and as sparkling as the cool, dripping gold in the glass.

It was that moment in April, I am now sure, that Prince Rainier of Monaco said to himself:

"I think I could fall in love with that girl. She would make a wonderful princess."

Two days later, a member of his staff made me discreet

inquiries in Paris about Kelly. He discovered that she comes from a family famed for its good looks and good health—one of a bouncing family of three golden daughters, one champion oarsman son, with a millionaire father and devoted mother. All were good Catholics. No scandal. No divorce.

That night Prince Rainier invited Grace Kelly to his palace in Monaco to dinner and took her through the lush gardens, in the soft moonlight, to see his private collection of wild animals.

He asked her to go inside the lion's cage, and, as he told a friend later:

"She didn't flinch and say, 'Ooh, you are one for jokes.' Nor did she refuse. She just gave me one of her dear looks, as if to assure herself that I wouldn't have asked her if it hadn't been safe, and then she opened the door and went in."

"Even lions are not proof against a person like Grace Kelly. This one leaped over and licked her."

Everyone, of course, thought then that Jean-Pierre Aumont was the man. We certainly knew he had the ring in his pocket.

No Pin-up

WHEN I danced with her, at a party given by Sir Alexander Korda in the Casino at Cannes, I tried to look as innocently as possible as I said to her:—

"Well, are all these stories about marriage true?"

She put on her glasses (she wears them), and prodded me in the chest. "Just remember this, Mosley. I am not a starlet jumping at every proposal that comes her way, and starts screaming for her lawyers the moment she takes off her bridal gown."

"I am a real person, not just a Hollywood pin-up. Marriage for me isn't part of the film business. I am a serious person and when I put a wedding ring on my finger it will be for keeps. Now come on, let's dance."

Now here she is, the most phenomenal star Hollywood has had since Garbo, engaged to be married to a prince.

Two years ago she was playing second leads to Ava Gardner. The starlets who were jealous of her said she only got what parts she played because her father was a millionaire builder and could stake his daughter through the long waits.

What they didn't realize was that Grace had inherited her father's dogged determination.

No More Films

AND now this girl, who has always refused to play the Hollywood game ("I think it's nobody's business what I wear to bed. A person has to keep something to herself, or her life is just a magazine lay-out") may be another Garbo in more ways than one.

For don't be surprised if marriage to Prince Rainier means goodbye to Hollywood. She's that kind of girl. When she says she's going to get married, she means she is embarking on married life. And that means no more films.

Unlike Garbo, I don't think she will wear sackcloth and an old hat on the Riviera. In fact, I suspect she is going to be better built to draw people to Monte Carlo than the gaming tables.

I, for one, look forward to that day's figure. Looking as fresh and as tempting as a goblet of cool white wine, water-skiing along in front of the Casino.

Welcome to Europe, Kelly. And don't forget to say thanks to Room 875.

POCKET CARTOON

by OSBERT LANCASTER



"Well, you know how it is, Canon—when the favourite wins odds-on there's always bound to be a certain amount of irresponsible criticism of the hand-capping."

WHEN a man of the omniscience of the Astronomer Royal says: "Space travel is bilge," it is as well to tread carefully before you answer back. So, with careful tread, an investigator set out to find just what the answer is—and what it is in terms as plain as those of the Astronomer. This is his account of a Journey into Space With Two Feet Firmly on the Ground:

YOU, YOUR SON—AND THE MOON

By DONALD GOMERY

I KNOCKED at the door of a house near the Thames at Vauxhall Bridge and asked: "Will there be tickets for the moon soon, please?"

Mr Leonard J. Carter is secretary of the British Interplanetary Society which has its headquarters there, and in his filing cabinets are the names of 3,000 members (subscriptions £2 2s.) who believe in moon travel.

Unlike Dr Richard Woolley, the new Astronomer-Royal, who says the whole thing is "utter bilge" (The cost, for one thing, would be enormous.)

But no one is going to the moon tomorrow. Or for some time. Mr Carter was anxious to make that quite clear. Probably it won't be till the end of the century.

Well, that leaves me out, and perhaps you out. But our children may see it happen. This greatest-ever adventure. If it can ever happen. And that's what I set out to find—whether it might happen. Or is it really "bilge"?

I met Patrick Moore, author, astronomer, authority on the moon, and interplanetary member of the Royal Society, in 1953, could hardly have been expected to design a Comet airliner. Neither can we design a spaceship today. But man WILL get to the moon.

NOW if you or I could leap into the air at seven miles a second it seems that we should never come back. But we should be burned up by friction before we got as far as where. And so would a rocket. So it's easy to do it at first on any space travel. We've got to have not one rocket, but a two- or three-rocket. One rocket to go pretty slowly through the earth's atmosphere. Then that one falls off, and the second starts up, and so on.

Height now about 200 miles, and before rocket No. 3 topples back it noses out into the sky a globe not much bigger than a football and weighing about a hundredweight—the first manned satellite.

SO far so good. Nothing impossible up to now, for earth satellite is just what the United States is planning for 1957-8. A flying football that will go circling round and round the earth.

Well, why doesn't it fall down? For the same reason that the moon doesn't fall on the earth. The flying football will be like a little moon itself, keeping to its own path round the globe.

There are likely to be a lot of these flying footballs before long. Russia is also planning them. They will be built bigger and circle further away—thousands of miles or so. In fact, it looks as though it is going to be quite a merry-go-round.

There will be weather instruments that can give you a "further outlook" for next month, and not merely next day; other instruments to relay TV lots of peaceful reasons for earth little moons.

And not so peaceful? There seems some doubt. Certainly it will be useful to keep an eye up there on things down here. But (some say) it will be as easy to shoot those footballs down as it is to put off putting down the bomb from those "wings of

I'D RATHER DIE BY AN H-BOMB THAN LIVE UNDER COMMUNISM

By GEORGE GALE

THE truth is uncomfortable. The truth is that we, if we are to remain free men, must depend not only on our ability but on our will to use atomic weapons.

The ability without the will is useless; but let a man say "I have the will to do it" and our jelly consciences wobble mightily.

They have been wobbling, quivering, dithering, for the past week, and all because Mr John Foster Dulles said the obvious.

Now for a man who has been groomed all his life in diplomacy Mr Dulles can be extremely undiplomatic. For a clever man he can be stupid. For an honest man he can tell a few whoppers.

He has completely misrepresented British policy over Indo-China at the time of Dien Bien Phu. His phrases, in the now notorious Life interview, were often foolhardy.

But the real fuss is not about his undiplomatic verbiage.

The real fuss is because Mr Dulles said that three times the United States has been on the brink of atomic war—over Indo-China, over Korea, over the Quemoy and Matsu Islands which lie off the Chinese coast opposite Formosa.

The real fuss is because Mr Dulles argues that if America had not told the Russians and Chinese she was prepared to use atomic weapons—was prepared to retaliate—then there would have been no truce in Indo-China, no truce in Korea, and war over Formosa.

The real fuss is because he said: "Of course we were brought to the verge of war. The ability to get to the verge without getting into the war is the necessary art."

"If you cannot master it, you inevitably get into war. If you try to run away from it, if you are scared to go to the brink, you are lost.... We walked to the brink and we looked it in the face."

Prepared

NOW I haven't the faintest idea whether Mr Dulles did walk to the brink and look it in the face.

But I hope he did. I hope he is still prepared to look it in the face.

I hope he is appalled at the carnage he sees over the brink. I hope he is prepared to risk that carnage; to risk that the cities of the West dissolve in vapour; to risk the dust that rises from the rubble and drifts death downward; to risk the poisons that castrate, races; to risk an end to civilisation.

For if he is not prepared to take the risk, then civilisation is lost anyway.

Men are not always willing to risk these things. The public, if left to itself, would seldom risk them, would seldom even go to the brink and look it in the face. It is the public's privilege, if you like, to get on with the beer and skittles.

The public's idea of a calculated risk is half a crown on the pools and a chance of £75,000.

Near thing

APPEASEMENT once was a dirty word. Now called "peaceful co-existence" it is very respectable. The new dirty words are "negotiation from strength," "massive retaliation," "the brink of war."

THE first ship to the moon will merely carry instruments—perhaps an explosive that would cause a flash visible on earth. Next, unmanned trips round the moon. Then the same trip with men. (No one has ever seen the moon's other side. For the first manned trip to the moon there will be only three or four scientists in their spaceship (which will probably be round because there is no point in having streamlining in space). It will take up to five days to do the quarter of a million miles.

Forget anything you may have read about Bug-Eyed Monsters on the moon. Even E.E.M.s would hardly like it there. The temperature sweeps from boiling point to 200 degrees of frost. The first men on the moon may have to go underground. But they won't stay long. Not on that first trip.

Taking off again won't be so hard, leaving the earth, because there is next to no atmosphere on the moon.

Now comes one of the trickiest bits. How do you get back to earth? And it is as much a problem for the satellite crews as for the men who enter the earth's atmosphere too fast the rocket will be set ablaze and change into a shooting star.

I cabled the United States, where rocket science is much in advance of Britain, and got this comment from Dr Richard Porter, who heads the U.S. committee on the first man-made satellite: "There is no space shuttle in the nuts and bolts stage, but there is no reason why it should not be feasible. Experiments? With our satellite there is no question of expense."

WELL, that's how it will be done, they say. Something like that. It sounds impossible.... But no one, anywhere, said it was impossible. Even the new Astronomer-Royal doesn't think it impossible.... But I'd rather spend the money on an observatory in Britain.

I think we shall get there all right. Not for military reasons. Not for peacekeeping. Not for the sake of the sky. But for the sake of the earth.

"Dollopine" is just as good as the doctor may say, and he will be dead right, for the two drugs are exactly the same product in a different wrapping.

Yet one is "unethical"—the doctor would use it to describe a prescribed remedy—while the other is perfectly "ethical" from the medical point of view.

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By GEORGE GALE

The last war was a near thing. We might well have lost it. We might well have had the gas-chambers here. We might well have had Englishmen digging their graves, waiting to be shot in the back, falling into them.

That happened in Europe. There was not much civilisation about that. Men who dig their own graves and don't try running for the woods are dead before the bullets enter their backs.

We could have stopped that. We could have stopped Germany marching into the Ruhr. We might have stopped Moscow. We might have stopped Fascism. But we appeased. We didn't go

You have read attacks on John Foster Dulles' contention that we of the West must be prepared to go to the brink of war if we are to avoid war itself. Today, read this defence. It is not a cold political thesis. It is the deeply personal point of view of a highly individualistic journalist. Moreover, Gale speaks of Communism with some authority—he reported in Russia and China for the Manchester Guardian, and wrote a widely discussed book of his experiences called "No Flies in China."

to the brink. We didn't take the calculated risk.

It's all different now, you say. The atom weapons, the hydrogen bomb, have changed all that.

Have they? All right-thinking men must abhor these nuclear weapons. All sane men must realise that if a major war developed they would be used.

We have a simple, awful, ugly choice: the West must be willing to use nuclear weapons, or be willing to be engulfed by the Communists.

If you do not wish to be engulfed by the Communists, you must be ready to use nuclear weapons. They alone are the deterrent. They alone are the strength from which we negotiate.

And even, when the Russians have enough hydrogen bombs to strangle the West, then the West will not negotiate from strength.

Speaking for myself I would prefer to die by the hydrogen bomb than live under Communism.

There may be worse ways to die. I don't think there are worse ways to live.

committee to justify their action. If their explanation is considered to be unsatisfactory the doctors can be fined.

Many doctors have interpreted this ban on advertised drugs as an official admission that their professional status has slumped under the Health Service.

The ban is intended to protect them against undue demands for "patent" remedies from those patients who now feel they are entitled to any drugs they like.

It is feared that many doctors would not risk offending their Health Service patients by refusing to prescribe advertised products unless they had official backing for doing so.

Too many patients are ready to threaten to transfer their names to another doctor's list when they cannot get what they want. And a doctor's income largely depends on the number of patients on his list.

The emergence of the drugs-with-advertisements to be an answer to everybody's difficulties.

The Ministry need not be happy because their instructions are being obeyed "in principle". The manufacturers are selling their drugs.

And the doctors can give their patients what they want without the risk of being "capped".

Wollopine and Dollopine—what a perfect theme for a Gilbey and Sullivan song.

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Wollopine and Dollopine

By CHAPMAN PINCHER

London.

A FARCICAL situation over the supply of certain drugs to Health Service patients has arisen as a result of an ingenious move by drug manufacturers to get round official restrictions.

This is why: family doctors have been warned not to prescribe proprietary drugs which are advertised for general sale to the public.

But certain manufacturers have found out how to beat this ban in a way which Health Ministry officials regard as legitimate.

This is how:—

THE METHOD

The manufacturers simply produce the same drug under two names—one for advertising to the public, the other for supplying to the Health Service.

Thus if you suggest to your doctor that he might let you try "Wollopine," that medicine you read about in the newspaper, he will almost certainly refuse. But he can give you a prescription for "Dollopine," which your chemist also stocks, but is advertised only to doctors.

"Dollopine" is just as good as the doctor may say, and he will be dead right, for the two drugs are exactly the same product in a different wrapping.

Yet one is "unethical"—the doctor would use it to describe a prescribed remedy—while the other is perfectly "ethical" from the medical point of view.

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Of course, "Wollopine" and "Dollopine" are fictitious names, yet pain-killing tablets, anti-rheumatism pills, germicidal creams, vitamin preparations, and other well-known household remedies have appeared in this ethical disguise.

Usually the ethical alias is chosen to sound more scientific and professional than the advertised name.

THE ADVICE

It is rather as though a woman called Jones whom the neighbours regard as a doubtful character suddenly became highly respectable because she changed her name to Montmorency.

Sometimes the form and colour of the ethical product are altered to enhance its respectability. Or a token alteration may be made in the ingredients.

Health Ministry officials insist that "in principle" every doctor has full freedom to prescribe any medicine he likes, whether it is advertised or not. But this principle does not work out in general practice.

A panel of powerful Health Ministry experts has advised every family doctor against prescribing products which are advertised to the public. And this "advice" was backed by a nicely worded threat which converted it to an order.

The doctors were warned that if they ignore the advice they can be "capped" before a special

committee to justify their action. If their explanation is considered to be unsatisfactory the doctors can be fined.

Many doctors have interpreted this ban on advertised drugs as an official admission that their professional status has slumped under the Health Service.

The ban is intended to protect them against undue demands for "patent" remedies from those patients who now feel they are entitled to any drugs they like.

It is feared that many doctors would not risk offending their Health Service patients by refusing to prescribe advertised products unless they had official backing for doing so.

Too many patients are ready to threaten to transfer their names to another doctor's list when they cannot get what they want. And a doctor's income largely depends on the number of patients on his list.

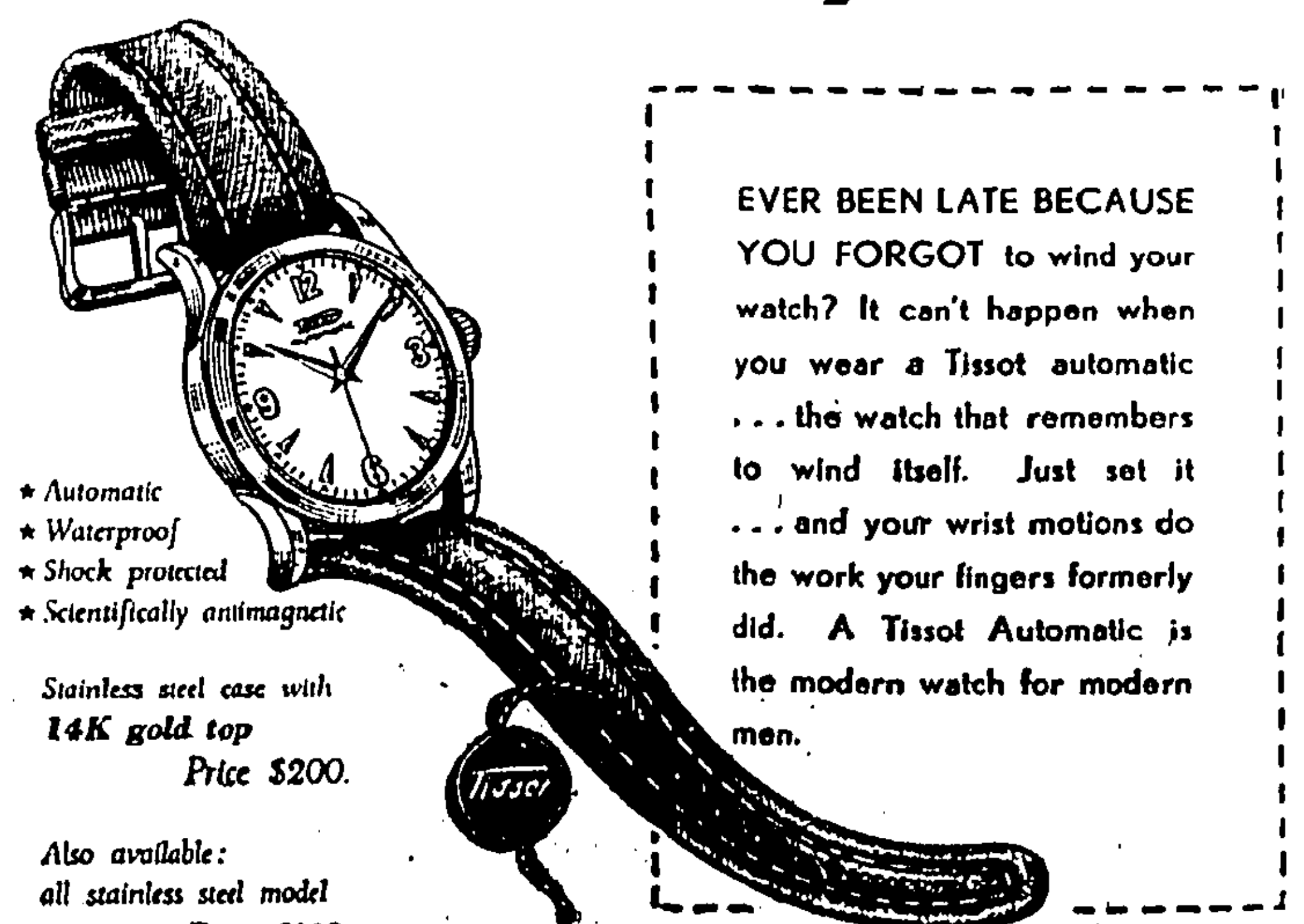
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SCIENCE & ENGINEERING

OFFICE EQUIPMENT THAT CUTS LABOUR AND SPEEDS WORK

Machinery That Will Be On View At
The British Industries Fair

By R. F. COLLIN-SMITH

Of the Office Appliances and Business Equipment Trades
Association (London)

NEARLY every week sees some new develop-
ment in office equipment which reduces labour
and speeds work.

One such appliance is a versatile addressing
machine, especially applicable to such operations
as billing, insurance, and factory form completion.
This machine features a five-way suction feed
which injects the documents across and under the
printing head horizontally.

A range of stops enables re-
gistration to be made in various
positions as the forms pass in
from the left-hand side and
pick up in neat piles on the
right.

It is a power-operated heavy
duty machine with both a
streamlined appearance and a
performance, especially adaptable
to multi-column listing, and
with an extra wide printing arm
to deal with outside forms and
invoices.

At the same time its
horizontal operation makes the
whole business of invoicing
vastly easier and more natural,
especially in those cases, such
as a "ready" and gas billing,
where column completion is
almost entirely crosswise with
little or no depth.

Stationery

The machine will be one of
many new office appliances on
show at the Olympia section of
the second 1956 British
Industries Fair (Olympia,
London, and Castle Bromwich,
Birmingham April 23 to May
4).

The selection of machines on
view will be representative of
Britain's office equipment
industry which is one of the
largest in the world, with ex-
ports exceeding £20,000,000 a
year.

On the same manufacturer's
stand will be a new
ticket/coupon machine specifi-
cally designed for the production
of pay coupons, and for progress
and cost control in industries
like that of clothing and shoe
manufacture where piece work
is a most important factor. Its
capacity will be in the neigh-
bourhood of 700 completed sets
of coupons an hour.

A further interesting develop-
ment is a pack of carbonless
stamped all specially treated
to produce up to eight copies
at a normal typing.
The paper is treated with a
special emulsion and ensures
such a saving in time and labour
by the elimination of interleaf-
ing, that it is expected to prove
a tremendous boon to all sorts
of organisations with repetitive
work of any kind, as well as
saving of soiled fingers and bad
temper.

This "no carbon" required
paper can equally be used when
writing with a ball point pen,
and will yield up to 12 copies
if an electric typewriter is used.

400 A Minute

Another innovation at this
year's Fair will be a micro-twin
microfilm recorder-reader in one
machine, so designed that a man
can operate it without moving
from his chair. It films on 16
either eight or 16 millimetre
film, and photographs at a rate
of 400 cheque-size documents a
minute; moreover it will accept
single-size sheets up to eleven
inches (27.94 centimetres) in
width.

As it has the capacity to
photograph both sides simulta-
neously, 22 inch (55.88
centimetres) documents can be
photographed without loss of
any printed matter.

The secret is that inside the
machine the document passes
over a roller into a vertical
position where two mirrors,
specially focussed, ensure per-
fect reproduction. Focussible
prints on special stabilised
paper can be made inside the
same machine without the
necessity of a dark room.

A camera compartment door-
lock ensures that no film is
used up accidentally while a
film protection control safe-
guards it against "fogging" and
also automatically cycles the
film at the beginning and at the
end.

The same lens is used for
both recording and reading, so
that it will save users a con-
siderable capital sum in initial
outlay when compared to the
separate camera and reader
mainly in use at present; at the
same time the installation will
also economise in floor space.

are not reliant on the nuts for
their jointure; these afford
additional security, but the
special slotting system is itself
the main strength of the rack-
ing, which is also extremely
easily adjusted for different
heights.

Portable Duplicator

Back among the machinery
may be mentioned a portable
rotary duplicator. This machine
has automatic paper feed and
enclosed inking, a special
counting device, and features
an easy stencil fixing system.

There will also be on show
a new portable typewriter, the
descendant of an old favourite
of which more than 1,000,000
have been sold overseas.

Weighing eight and three-
quarter pounds (four kilograms)
and incorporating an eraser
table to facilitate correction,
this machine has an "even
touch" keyboard with finger
sliding plastic keys, and a
larger-sized platen than its
predecessor.

One of the most important
aspects of works or office
management today is time
synchronisation and an im-
portant system embracing
electric clock control, slave
clocks, time recorders, pro-
gramme instruments, bracket
and turret clocks, all operated
together, is likely to attract the
attention of many buyers.

The clocking in-and-out
machines are operated with one
hand and print in two colours,
automatically adjusting them-
selves for overtime and "late"
recordings.

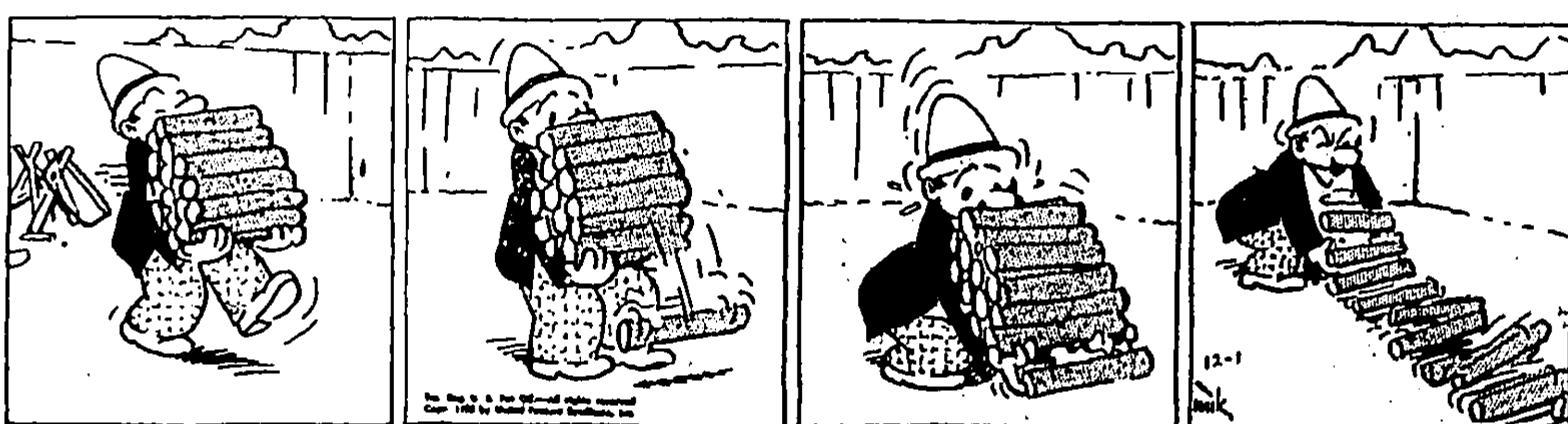
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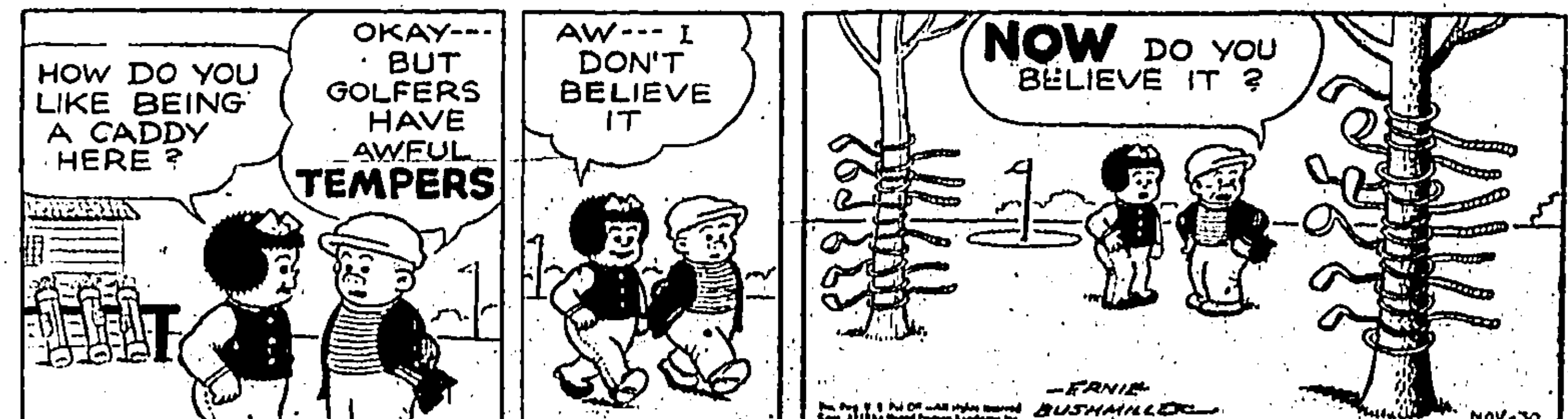
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Hydraulic Luffing Dockside Crane



A cargo-handling dockside crane with
hydraulic luffing motion has been developed
on an entirely new design by Clyde
Crane and Booth Ltd, of Rodley, Leeds,
Yorkshire, England. It is being made at
the works of the firm's associate company,
the Clyde Crane and Engineering Company
Ltd, of Mossend, Lanarkshire, Scotland.

The crane is being produced
initially in four capacities of
three, five, seven and a half
and ten tons. It has each of its
motions electrically-driven by
independent motors, the luffing

motion being actuated by a
hydraulic ram.

Introduction of hydraulic
luffing has eliminated the use of
shafts associated with mechanical
luffing, and allows ample room
on the superstructure for the
remainder of the machinery.
This has been arranged for easy
access for inspection and main-
tenance.

The makers claim that the
luffing control is equivalent to
that obtained on an electric
crane, and the use of a roller
valve in the hydraulic system
provides an effective safety
measure, while shock is
eliminated when stopping the
luffing motion.

Any over-limit movement in
luffing is checked by the luffing
ram meeting the stops in the
cylinder.

The fluid in the hydraulic
system is metered by two pumps,
pumping into one end of the
cylinder and out the other; the
jib is therefore, always under
control and can only move in
relation to the speed of the pump
driving motor.

When the jib is at rest the
fluid is locked in the system by
an automatic valve and a
solenoid brake on the motor
shaft.

The arrangement provides a
double lock to prevent the pumps
being driven in the reverse
direction by the weight of the
jib, which is held rigidly when
not being luffed.

POWER FROM WASTE FUEL

Side by side with the search
for new seams of coal in Britain,
go experiments into the applica-
tion of new techniques to low-
grade fuel rejected in the past.

The National Coal Board has
recently been using slurry—fine
particles of coal and soluble
shale—in conjunction with a
new type of mechanical stoker
with some success.

Slurry is a waste product
found in large settling ponds at
many British collieries, and
although difficult to handle it
contains a definite source of
power. A new automatic stoker
and boiler plant are planned to
make use of slurry at a colliery
at Bowhill in Fife, Scotland.
This is likely to be in produc-
tion in 1956 and to have a
capacity of 10,000 kilowatts.

A larger scheme to turn this
product into power is in Av-
shire, Scotland, where a new
generating station with a capac-
ity of 50,000 kilowatts is being
built at the Barony Colliery.
This is to be specially equipped
to use the entire production of
low grade fuel from collieries in
the area.

...this situation
calls for a
**San
Miguel**

TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

New Synthetic Rubber

New York, Jan. 29. A new plant will be built at Beaumont, Texas, for the manufacture of "hypalon," a synthetic rubber developed by the E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co.

The plant will be completed early in 1957. Du Pont announced today. It is expected to provide increased production in response to an expanding world demand for the new synthetic rubber.

"Hypalon" is a synthetic rubber said to have outstanding color stability and resistance to chemicals, oxidizing agents and weathering. It is particularly suitable for use in the wall tubes, floor coverings, and chemical tank linings.—United Press.

Dominant Force In Wool Market

Tokyo, Jan. 29. Japan's new World War II "has" in the wool market, D. L. Crawford, commercial counselor of the Australian Embassy, said last week.

In the post-war period, the relative stability of Japan's purchase of Australian wool has made it a specially valuable customer.

Mr. Crawford's summary of Australian-Japanese trade was published in several Tokyo English-language newspapers.

All Categories

He said the Japanese Wool Spinning Association "has expressed a preference for Australian wool."

The commercial counselor said that Japanese exports to Australia in all categories is increasing as a result of liberalization of Australia's import licensing controls.

"As a result of the liberalization measures," Mr. Crawford said, "Japanese exports to Australia increased from 4.7 million pounds (sterling) in 1952-53 to 6.5 million pounds in 1953-54 and, in the current year, are running at least three times the 1952-53 volume."—United Press.

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:

U.S. dollar (per \$1)	1.87
Sterling notes (per £1)	12.54
Australian notes (per £1)	14.54
Indonesian rupiah (per 100)	14.55
Singapore dollar (per 100)	22.20
Singapore dollar (per 100)	1.31

EDEN LEFT THE CITY TO WORRY

By C. T. Hallinan

London, Jan. 29.

This has been a rude week, with the great banks, through their chairmen, telling the Conservative government to go jump in the lake, or at least to tackle the problem of inflation with intelligence etcetera instead of making haphazard swipes at the country's super credit machinery.

But Sir Anthony Eden, packing his bags to go to Washington, seemed too flustered to make reply, leaving the worried City of London to stew in indecision.

For if this is a recession approaching it is one of a completely new type. Every grey-haired man and woman knows that a recession always starts with heavy industry—local brickyards closed down because businessmen don't want to buy bricks, who steel plants follow the conventional pattern and everything proceeds in order. But this recession—if it is one—is starting with consumer. Retail tobacco, in sales as well as all other retailers, including those who sell furniture and other durable goods, to a fully employed British public. Bank-employees are rising. It does not make sense.

Some Lost

Business on the stock exchange fell to a daily average of 1,700 bargains.

Some leading industrialists gained a shilling or a shilling, but others the Imperial Chemicals, Ford Motor, Courtauld lost about a shilling.

British government stocks had another collapse ranging from

War Loans' fall of eight shillings to Old Consols' decline of 2s 6d. The index of government securities closed the week at 87.88 compared with 91.10 the week before.

Loans Rise

Oil was eccentric with British Petroleum up 6s 6d. Others were practically unchanged. Gold shares were rather haphazard but those changed were mostly higher. Rip Tinto was in the news with big plans for Canadian operation and Canadian buying lifted the shares 5 shillings to 70s 6d.

German was quiet though the attached Dawes and Young Loans improved 1s sterling as did also Dawes Loan non-assented. In the Japanese list somebody has been after the usually idle South Manchurian 5 per cent Loan and lifted the price 1½ shillings. The 5 per cent 1907s also rose 1 shilling but the others were all down by amounts ranging from 1 to 1½ shillings.—United Press.

Businessmen Agree US Economy Healthy BUT DOUBTFUL ABOUT GIVING EISENHOWER STANDBY CREDIT CONTROLS

By JOHN MORKA

New York, Jan. 29.

American businessmen generally agreed with President Eisenhower that the nation was fundamentally sound but there was far less unanimity on his suggestion that Congress study the advisability of giving him standby controls on consumer credit.

There was strong acceptance of the President's emphasis on the role that free enterprises can play in providing the nation with plenty.

Others found the President's annual economic message to Congress bullish in its prospect for 1956. Still others tended to discount it in part—the Journal of Commerce, for example, felt it was "not a spectacular report." Others—the Wall Street Journal—felt it was a "formal economic schizophrenia" in the President's message.

Major Surprise

What, however, there was an overriding recognition and acceptance by most observers that the US economy was certainly healthy. A note of caution, however, was felt in the President's request for standby consumer credit controls. If anything, this was the only cloudy portion of an otherwise buoyant report on the American economy.

The President told Congress that under present conditions he had no intention of imposing new credit controls. However, he pointed out that installment credit sometimes accentuates swings in the buying of autos, television sets, and other consumer durables "thereby exposing the rest of the economy to the hazard of widening fluctuations."

His request for statutory powers to impose consumer credit restraints came as somewhat of a major surprise to many.

Trade groups, businessmen, legislators, members of the President's own party—were quick to voice doubts about the Presidential request for credit controls.

The American Retail Federation strongly opposed the need for Congressional study of such controls. President Rowland Jones said the existence of such power on the legislative books would get it "a sword of Damocles" over manufacturers, retailers and consumers.

He said such power in the President's hands "would inevitably have a depressing effect on manufacturers' expansion plans and make everyone far more cautious." Similar doubts were felt by the National Foundation for Consumer Credit, Inc., which warned that standby controls would dampen business enthusiasm and tend to keep the US from rolling along at its present quick pace.

Not Needed

In Washington Congressman Wolcott, Republican senior member of the House Banking Committee, said such standby controls should be provided only with a declaration of war, and insisted that the Federal Reserve and Treasury officials feel that new legislation is not needed.

No immediate comment was available from the powerful National Retail Dry Goods Association but the Association is already on record as opposing any federal controls on wages and prices.

Reacting to the Presidential message was mostly favorable in other quarters. Noted the New York Times: "It is even more important... as an example of what free enterprise can accomplish when given its head and the necessary encouragement. The expansion has not been a product of government pump-priming. As the economic report observes, it has been carried through by private citizens who freely applied their energies and resources to bettering themselves, their families and their communities."

Some Discrepancy

Said the Journal of Commerce, "This... is not a spectacular report. Its greatest value lies in the fact that it carries forward the administration's fundamental thesis that growth stems largely from private sources and that the role of the government lies primarily in establishing and maintaining conditions conducive to private incentive. Related to this is the responsibility of the government to mitigate, largely by credit policy, the fluctuations which result as credit of irregularity in growth."

But the Wall Street Journal found some discrepancy in the President's request for encouraging credit expansion in construction, for example, and on the other hand, for holding down credit in other segments of the economy.

It said, under an editorial captioned "Economic Schizophrenia":

"The Economic Council wants the exhilaration of easier money in general without the pangs that easier money can cause in particular places, such as in consumer goods. So it can do nothing but return to the use on consumer credit. If the government is going to use its general powers to pump up a boom, the only way it can hope to avoid the consequences is to demand the power to direct how we, individually, use the easy money the inflation makes available."

Encouraged

"Our own little improvement project could involve both encouraging borrowing and discouraging borrowing. And if the government were really to persist in this schizophrenic attitude, it would create a world of nothing but 'no' and 'no' to put the whole economy in a state of 'no'."—United Press.

International Shipping Conference

Washington, Jan. 29.

The House Merchant Marine Committee approved unanimously a sub-committee report recommending United States participation in an international conference on overseas shipping.

The sub-committee report said the American 60-50 shipping law has been under "constant attack" by the British, Scandinavian and other nations.

This law requires that at least 60 per cent of cargoes shipped from the US to foreign ports must be transported in American ships. The purpose is to help the US maintain strong merchant marine.

The report said Western European shipping nations "oppose violently any form of flag discrimination, feeling that shippers must be free to choose ships of any country they please."

Subsidy

But the report said European countries "for the most part" understood the necessity of the 60-50 law in the US and were familiar with its objective.

Members of the sub-committee headed by Rep. Frank W. Boykin and members of the Federal Maritime Board, met with government and shipping officials in England, France, Switzerland and Spain.

Individually, or in groups they also visited shipyards in Scotland, Ireland and Germany, Holland, Belgium, Norway, Sweden and Italy, the report said.

One of the problems studied was the government subsidy paid to American ship builders for construction of such vessels as the Superintendence and Constitution.—United Press.

The Bank Of England Statement

London, Jan. 29.

The Bank of England statement for the week ended Jan. 25, reads as follows:

Public deposits	1,711,253,200
Private deposits	1,024,012,000
Government securities	307,143,718
Other securities	234,789,834
Reserves	49,800,279
Ratio	99.901,737

—United Press.

The Bank Of France Statement

The Bank of France statement for the week ended Jan. 19, reads as follows:

Gold held	30,204,300,000
Foreign currencies held	1,708,759,200
Reserves abroad	197,811,600,000
Total bills discounted	1,575,044,200,000
Bank notes in circulation	1,575,044,200,000
Government securities and other assets	1,708,759,200,000
Ratio	100.000,000

—United Press.

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET REVIEW

By William T. Plunkett

New York, Jan. 29.

Cotton futures climaxed a week of irregular price swings with a spirited closing rally. At Friday's close the list ruled 9 to 67 points—45 cents to \$3.35 a bale—higher than the preceding week.

Congressional proposals for a return to rigid 90 per cent of parity price supports, and other measures aimed to boost agricultural income, dominated market sentiment.

Chairman Ellender of the Senate Agricultural Committee indicated that the group would vote to restore rigid high supports for basic crops in the new farm bill. The House already has passed a bill to replace the current flexible support set-up.

Obscured

The speed of the late rally was added by reports that the committee also discussed going back to the old parity formula for determining price supports. A new formula, scheduled to go into effect this year, would cut support prices on cotton about a half cent a pound, traders recalled.

While complexities in the farm legislation obscured other price-shaping factors, traders attributed part of the markets late strength to the increasing volume of export sales of raw cotton and the heavy producer impoundings under the government loan programme.

Reviving activity in the domestic textile market pointed up the heavier rate of domestic consumption of raw cotton, and expectations that the giant-sized portion of the current crop now in government hands, will create a tight supply situation on "free" cotton before the next harvest.

Loan Impoundings

Loan impoundings for the week ended Jan. 20 totalled 207,420 bales compared with 444,504 bales in the preceding week. While the week-to-week rate declined, more significance was attached to the fact that 6,354,000 bales of the current crop now is locked up in the government loan shelter.

Trade predictions were that the total eventually may go above the 7,000,000 bale mark. If that goal is reached, it would be the greatest amount of cotton ever put under the loan in a single season. The previous record was 7,422,000 bales locked on the 1955-56 crop.—United Press.

Singapore Stock Market

Singapore, Jan. 30.

Brokers today quoted the following stock prices:

	Opening
Batu Lintang Rubber Co. Ltd.	\$1.57
Lat Pau Rubber Co. Ltd.	44/4
Consolidated Tin Smelters Ltd.	1/4
Fraser & Neave 1½% cum. div.	\$5.18
Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corp.	\$91 3/4
Hongkong Tin Ltd.	7/6 1/2
Kempas & Siam Rubber Co. Ltd.	\$1.12
Malayan Breweries Ltd.	\$2.50
New Serendah Rubber Co. Ltd.	\$1.36
Petaling Tin Ltd.	\$4.20
Singapore Cold Storage Co. Ltd.	\$2.15
South British Insurance Co. Ltd.	\$22 1/2
Strait Trading Co. Ltd.	\$22 1/2
Strait Steamship Co. Ltd.	\$12 1/2
United Engineers Ltd.	\$10 1/2
Warren Bros.	\$12 1/2

ed.—China Mail Special.

US COTTON EXPORTS

New York, Jan. 29. Raw cotton exports by destination as reported in sales by the New York Cotton Exchange for the 1955-56 season to Jan. 24 were as follows:

Brazil	40,000
Canada	20,000
China	50,000
Cuba	20,000
France	10,000
Germany	10,000
Italy	10,000
Japan	10,000
South Korea	10,000
Spain	10,000
Sweden	10,000
Switzerland	10,000
United Kingdom	10,000
United States	10,000
Other	10,000

—United Press.

Ceylon-China Deal

Colombo, Jan. 29. The consensus among Colombo trade sources is that the rubber and rice pact between Ceylon and China will not be renewed. If the ban against Malaysian exports to China is lifted, it will be a lifting follows British Prime Minister Sir Anthony Eden's talks with United States President Dwight Eisenhower, trade circles feel certain China will continue to carry out the pact until it terminates at the end of this year.

Ceylon's rubber, they said, "can always find buyers in the world market, but at a considerably lower price than that involved in the pact with China."—United Press.

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to \$1,100,000. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

SHARES BUYERS SELLERS	HALFS
HSK Bank	1730 1750 61 = 1740
HSK Insurance	100 100 30 = 100
HSK Shipping	100 100 30 = 100
HSK Waterboat	24 1/2 100 = 24 1/2
HSK Dock	70 100 = 70
HSK Provision (O)	15.30 101 = 15.30
HSK Wheelock	0.03 0.05 101 = 0.05
HSK Land	17.40 17.70 100 = 17.50
HSK HK Land	03 03 1/2 100 = 03 1/2
HSK Realty	2.00 2.05 100 = 2.02 1/2
HSK Rubber	1.75 1.80 100 = 1.77 1/2
HSK XD	2.00 2.05 100 = 2.02 1/2
HSK Yamaul Ferry	100 100 = 100
HSK C. Light (O) 22 1/2	100 100 = 100
HSK C. Light (N) 10.00 17.10 100 = 17.10	
HSK Electric	44 1/2 100 = 44 1/2
HSK Macao Elec (O) 0.50 0.70 100 = 0.60	
HSK Telephone	40 40 = 40
HSK Industrial	37 1/2 37 1/2 = 37 1/2
HSK Cement	37 1/2 37 1/2 = 37 1/2
HSK Stores, ETC.	10.00 10.10 100 = 10.05
HSK Dairy	13.10 13.20 100 = 13.15
HSK Textile Corp.	5.70 2000 = 5.60
HSK Nanyang	7.40 7.50 100 = 7.45
HSK SINGAPORE RUBBER	0.85 1000 = 0.80
HSK Allied	0.15 0.20 1000 = 0.175
HSK F.E.	11.40 11.60 100 = 11.50

New York Stocks Rise Steadily Over The Week

By Elmer Walzer

New York, Jan. 29.

Stocks during the past week established their first weekly rise of 1956.

The recovery had plenty of opposition and it wasn't accomplished on volume. Neither was it large. But it was a novelty after four weeks of declines and it led to the conclusion that the list was getting into a position where a more prolonged upturn would be in order.

The week's volume ranged between 2,720,000 shares on Monday and 3,300,000 on Thursday, 1,640,000 shares on Tuesday, least since Nov. 2.

The big recovery came on Tuesday when President Eisenhower's in his economic message sold the nation was entering a 400 billion economy. It carried on at a lesser degree on Wednesday. There was a decline on Monday and one on Thursday sandwiching in these gains.

Less Certain

On Friday the market was more active but less certain. It tried unconsciously to rise in the face of the usual week-end influences. It did succeed in closing above its lows, sufficiently to leave the averages up on the week.

Market news was seen as highly favorable. Steel operations held high. Auto output dipped modestly. Building was off on the week but up on the year. The same for electricity output. Crude oil output set a new high. Car loadings gained over last year. Retail trade had a good gain.

Individual stocks enjoyed good news too. A split up of 2 1/2 for 1 for common and preferred shares of Southern Railway, the feature split of the week, gave the rails a lift.

Oil shares met good demand from time to time on brokerage opinion the group was liquidated sufficiently to move higher. Some utilities were bought for defensive purposes.

Averages

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The motors lacked life either to rise or to fall. Steels were irregular with the tendency down.

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Singapore Rubber Market

Singapore, Jan. 29.

The market ruled steady and quiet on some short covering and better overseas advices on Saturday.

Future closings were:

No. 1 rubber per lb. Feb.	111-111 1/2
Mar.	110 1/2-110 3/4
Apr.	109 1/2-109 3/4
May	109-109 1/2
June	108 1/2-108 3/4
July	108-108 1/2
Aug.	107 1/2-107 3/4
Sept.	107-107 1/2
Oct.	106 1/2-106 3/4
Nov.	106-106 1/2
Dec.	105 1/2-105 3/4

No. 2 rubber per lb. Feb. 109-109 1/2
Mar. 108 1/2-108 3/4
Apr. 108-108 1/2
May 107 1/2-107 3/4
June 107-107 1/2
July 106 1/2-106 3/4
Aug. 106-106 1/2
Sept. 105 1/2-105 3/4
Oct. 105-105 1/2
Nov. 104 1/2-104 3/4
Dec. 104-104 1/2

No. 1 pale crepe 12-12 1/2
No. 2 pale crepe 11-11 1/2

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JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

Grey Dawn

THE two boys wore of an age when life should have seemed to spread out before them like the chapters of an absorbing adventure story. Into whose promising pages they had just begun to dip.

They were both 17-year-olds, one, Roger, pale and studious-looking, the other, James, spare-framed like an athlete.

At first sight there did not seem to be much in common between them. But in what they said, you realised that they had a good deal in common.

NO SPARK, NO SPIRIT

For both came from families that had broken up, and most of the lives of each had been spent in the grey shelter of orphanages and hostels.

The spark and the spirit seemed to have gone from both of them, and they were that of a lifeless, motionless, and among these old and lonely men who cluster silently around the radiators in common lodging-houses.

Now the two boys stood in the dock at Bow Street.

They had pleaded guilty to stealing money from a flat adjoining the place where one of them worked. They had taken, between them, £7, and carried it off to the hostel that was currently their home.

A STATEMENT

It was some weeks after they first raided the flat, that the police were called. Roger made a statement.

"I took the money in two or three bits," he said, "because at the hostel were allowed 10s. a week out of our money, and we had to live on 2s. if we did anything wrong. When I took it I particularly needed money because I wanted to buy my kid sister a doll for Christmas."

Then, to the policeman, taking down what he dictated, Roger said, "I'd like to stick to the job I'm doing, but I want to move from the hostel and stand on my own feet. If I was put on probation, I wouldn't let them down."

FAIRLY POPULAR

JAMES was interviewed, and he, in a statement, admitted his part in the crime, then added: "It's very hard, sometimes, at the hostel. They're quite good to us, but it isn't like a home."

The statements were read to the magistrate, Mr. Bertram Reece, who was told that Roger and James had been given no trouble, and both are fairly popular.

"Are they there voluntarily?" the magistrate asked.

"Not exactly, sir," came the answer. "The whole family at the key James, was committed to the care of their country council, the other boy's family history is rather sad."

AMPLY PROVIDED FOR

"WHAT about this money situation?"

"They pay over their wages and are allowed pocket money and certain allowances. And they can keep what they earn from overtime. But I should add that when these offences were committed, they were allowed much less than is now the case."

The magistrate turned to the boys, but neither had anything to say.

"Well, you were amply provided for, and there was no need to steal," said the magistrate. He put the pair on probation, ordering them each to repay £3 10s. of the money stolen, and the two boys left the court slowly, like old men who have long since stopped believing life held anything worth hurrying for.

Pilots To Seek Pay Increases

London, Jan. 29. Pilots of British Overseas Airways Corporation today were reported preparing a demand for wage rises of up to £10 a week.

The pilots have been pushing for more than a year for salary increases. They are expected to make a formal demand this week.

Senior BOAC pilots now average about £2,700 a year. The lowest pay rises would increase this to between £3,300 and £3,800 a year.

Junior second pilots now averaging £1,400 per year would be raised to about £1,800 if the wage scale is granted—United Press.

OUR AUSTRALIAN NEWSLETTER

New Quay Railway Described As A Monstrosity

FROM H. KING WOOD

Sydney, Jan. 24. The official seal of approval was placed on the city's greatest monstrosity on Friday when the Premier, Mr Cahill, officially opened the Quay Railway.

This ugly scar of concrete, steel and ungainly pillars stretches across the city's pedestrian waterfront, effectively shutting out view and breezes and giving unborn generations the maddening task of thinking up ways of getting rid of it.

Premier Cahill, at the opening, said all the usual nonsense that politicians do say on these occasions, during which the city's top brass keep the fixed polite smiles on their faces and pressmen put down their pencils, but when the Premier came forth with "Neither expense nor effort has been spared in making this railway a thing of beauty" even the guests had a job to keep the smile fixed.

This link completes the city's electric railway system and while no one denies that it was wanted, the general feeling is that it should have been decently buried like the rest of the city system and not left to mar its ugly back across the city's most historical area.

There has been plenty of time for people to think about it. The loop has been 20 years in the building and in its stops and starts has set the taxpayers back more than £4-million.

There is renewed agitation for the setting up of something resembling a Fine Arts Council to stop this sort of thing being pushed onto a long-suffering public in the future. We are afraid, however, that we'll soon get used to Mr Cahill's iron curtain and that the talk will die down until something else shoots up its ugly head.

THE STRIKE

The strike by 27,000 water-side workers throughout Australia has halted the nation's overseas and interstate trade by sea and is likely to cost £35,500 a week.

In general terms, the wharves are claiming an additional 1/4-an hour. The employers have offered sixpence an hour but for this they want to make certain alterations in the award conditions.

There are all the earmarks of the strike being bitter one and the Prime Minister is being urged to take drastic action early.

One editorial points out that Moniz has just been returned to power with a record majority and he has no need to hesitate in taking the gloves off in this strike.

Political observers, however, believe that the Prime Minister will slide-step drastic action while there is a chance of a settlement. This strike has been endorsed by the all powerful executive of the Australian Council of Trade Unions and action by the Government before all other avenues have been tried and exhausted could, it is believed, easily lead to a general strike.

Whatever is going to happen should be made to happen quickly because a waterfront strike could do much to help inflation to go galloping on its merry way.

DOLLAR HUNTERS

In the near future our American hill-runners will be with us again, notable dollar collectors on the list being Johnny Ray, Nat King Cole and Frank Sinatra.

They have all been here before, all have had their little cry about taxes, but all have taken plenty home and now are coming back for more. Well, there's no harm in that, nor the fact that they apparently like us.

Spear-heading the field, however, is a new type of visitor—Oral Roberts, evangelist and self-announced faith healer with a picked band of assistants.

They have arrived with their own tent, said to be the world's biggest, and holding 14,000, so they have no trouble in packing in the five hundred odd who flock out there nightly to hear Mr Roberts really go to town.

It is said that Mr Roberts' team of helpers can flick around the collection boxes at a speed never before seen in Sydney—the best yet being seven minutes to cover a gathering of about a thousand.

It should be added here, however, that Oral Roberts' high pressure advertising states that all money after campaign expenses will be left to churches in this country.

MONOPOLY BROKEN

Two new savings banks have come into the field last week—the first in the country for 48 years. They are the Bank of NSW and the Australia and New Zealand Bank. They opened their doors within hours of the Prime Minister giving the green light and huge crowds daily came flocking to morning indicated that there had only been waiting for the start of a gun.

The story is that now that the Commonwealth Bank no longer has a monopoly it will put an early stop to the sheep dog practice of yelling out the names of customers who have been patiently waiting valuable time to draw out some of their savings.

If the new banks achieve only this they have done some good for the community.

DINNER PARTY

There was a little dinner last week to the retiring Postmaster General, Mr. Anthony. Four men who went along had good reason to remember him—they all had received knightships while serving in some way under his administration.

There was Sir Richard Boyer, (Aust. Broadcasting Commission chairman); Sir Hudson Fysh (Qantas); Sir Richard Williams (Director General of Civil Aviation); and Sir Giles Chippendale (postal chief).

"One" other old friend was present—not a knight, but who has found his own form of fame. Like Larry Anthony, he began his career in the Lifford post office as a messenger boy, and served in Signals in World War I—Cardinal Gilroy.

REDIFFUSION

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